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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

As the night brings the myriad stars to view and the day is warmed by the Sun, we are witnesses to the marvels of Your creation, O God, and the beauty of every living thing. In this world You have created the challenges and choices that are before Your people each day. May Your good Spirit, O gracious God, that points us in the way and heals us from all guilt and transgression, encourage us to make those choices that advance the cause of justice and promote the presence of virtue. May Your strong hand, that created the order of the heavens and the wonders of the Earth, guide, guard, and gird each person along the daily path. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Washington [Ms. DUNN] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DUNN of Washington led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills, a joint resolution, and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1772. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex;

H.R. 2909. An act to amend the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of that Act only by donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of the owner of the lands;

H.R. 3676. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition;

H.R. 3802. An act to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, popularly known as the Freedom of Information Act, to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, and for other purposes;

H.J. Res. 191. Joint resolution to confer honorary citizenship of the United States on Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, also known as Mother Teresa; and

H. Con. Res. 120. Concurrent resolution supporting the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine and the progress of its political and economic reforms.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3675) ''An act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.''

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 982. An act to protect the national information infrastructure, and for other purposes;

S. 1090. An act to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, and for other purposes;

S. 2006. An act to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition; and

S. 2007. An act to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina). The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes on each side.

REFORM THE IRS

(Ms. DUNN of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DUNN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to present you with a clear and convincing contrast of two visions for America: The Republican vision and the Democrat vision.

First, the Democrat vision:

In Monday's Washington Post my good friend, the gentleman from New York, CHARLIE RANGEL, the House Ways and Means Democrat in line to become chairman of the committee if the Democrats pull off a miracle, defended the IRS and said, ''We have the best and fairest tax collection system in the world.''

Hmmm.

Now, for the Republican vision:

Earlier this month Bob Dole said, ''It's time to end the IRS as we know it.'' He is calling for putting the word ''service'' back in the Internal Revenue Service by requiring IRS employees to help taxpayers understand the law rather than simply punish Americans for misapplying it.

I like the second vision, and I bet America will too. We need a solution to our IRS problem that empowers the hard-working American taxpayer. We need to reform the IRS.

ETHICS COMMITTEE PROCESS IS DEGENERATING

(Mr. FAZIO of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I want to talk today about a process that lies at the heart of this House's reputation, the Ethics Committee process.

Its strength historically has been the ability of Democrats and Republicans to separate nuisance complaints from substantive charges important to the reputation of this House and to pursue such matters with diligence no matter where that takes it.

As a former member of the Ethics Committee, 8 years as a matter of fact, I cast some of the toughest votes of my congressional career, just as many others who have served on the Ethics Committee have done on a bipartisan basis. We cast them because we believe the reputation of this House is more important than any Member. I underline any Member.

I believe this Republican-controlled House has done tremendous damage to an already fragile process. The evidence: A year-long delay in appointing a special counsel in a case involving the leadership; the GOP leadership's initial refusal last December to even grant the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct floor time for a bipartisan recommendation on book royalties; now unreasonable delays in making an important report public.

We are watching the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct process completely degenerate.

FORTY REASONS TO SAY ''NO'' TO CLINTON REELECTION

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, late last week the Boston Globe ran the following article—''Four more years? Here are 40 reasons to say ''no.'' I'd like to share their more amusing reasons to vote against Clinton.

His ''Cabinet that looks like America'' contained 14 lawyers and 10 millionaires; ''100,000 more police on the street.'' Seen them yet?

''A tax cut for the middle class.'' Seen it yet?

George Bush was right: Clinton did want to turn the White House into the waffle house.

Shut down two of the four runways at Los Angeles International Airport so he could have his hair cut aboard Air Force one by Christophe of Beverly Hills; Christophe's going rate: $200 per haircut; Jocelyn Elders; Craig Livingstone.

Clinton went on national television and answered questions about his underwear.

Mr. Speaker, haven't we had enough?

SUPPORT MOTION TO RELEASE REPORT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to follow up on the comments of my colleague of California about the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

The complaints that have been filed against the leader now are approximately 2 years old, having been originally filed in September 1994.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is referring to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, which is against the rules of the House.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, my point is simply——

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New Jersey will suspend for a moment.

The Chair sustains the gentleman's point of order just raised. The gentleman from New Jersey may proceed in order.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I am simply trying to point out that myself and the members of the public, including many of the editorials around the country, the New York Times, feel very strongly that the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct needs to proceed with the investigation in this matter.

We have actually made a motion, which I hope will come up today, asking that the report of the outside counsel be released to the public. I feel very strongly that that report should be released. The time has come to do so.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, in spite of the admonition of the Chair, the gentleman continues to refer to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman from New Jersey care to be heard on the point of order?

Mr. PALLONE. My only point, Mr. Speaker, is that a motion has been filed that this report should be released.

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. PALLONE. I understand it is coming up today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

The Chair sustains the point of order raised by the gentleman from Georgia, and the gentleman from New Jersey must suspend any reference to that matter, since the resolution is not under consideration in the House at this time.

Mr. PALLONE. I understand it will be coming up later today, and I would simply say I will be supporting that motion.

DRUG USE UP UNDER BILL CLINTON

(Mr. DOOLITTLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, in 1992, before Bill Clinton took over as President, the overall chances that an adolescent used drugs was 1 in 20. In 1995, after 3 years of Bill Clinton, the chances an adolescent was using drugs had skyrocketed to 1 in 9.

Mr. Speaker, our children are being lied to. They are being sold on messages from popular culture, the music industry, and Hollywood that drug use is acceptable; that it is glamorous; and that it is cool. Nothing could be further from the truth. Drugs destroy lives, they destroy families, indeed they destroy freedom.

Under Bill Clinton, the war on drugs has become a small skirmish; a rear guard action. Enforcement is down, interdiction is down, and prison time for drug dealers is down. And this is all compounded by Bill Clinton's own flippant remarks on MTV about his own drug use.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot surrender; we cannot give up; we must fight for our children and fight for their future.

WISHING MY COLLEAGUES WELL

(Mr. JACOBS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, for me it is swansong time. I have two suggestions as I take my leave. The first is to my colleagues. Get to know each other and you will like each other. There is a lot to like in every Member of this body. In the words of Edward Wallis Hoch, ''There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us that it hardly becomes any of us to say very much about the rest of us.''

Say a prayer and do what you can for those unfortunate children of God who are addicted to tobacco and other deadly drugs. They will die before their time or wish they could.

As I prepare to yield back the sacred office in which I have been privileged to serve for nearly a third of a century, I wish you all Godspeed. You will remain in my heart and in my prayers forever.

CLINTON NAMES CASTRO APOLOGIST AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

(Mr. DIAZ-BALART asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, the real President Clinton showed himself by his appointment of Alan Sagner to head the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Mr. Sagner is proud of having been a founder of the so-called ''Fair Play for Cuba Committee,'' the most active U.S. pro-Castro group in the history of the Castro regime. In fact, Sagner formed this group during the worst moments of Castro's mass murders and confiscations.

It would have been expected that by this time Sagner would at least admit his mistake, recognize that he failed to see Castro at the beginning of his dictatorship for what he was, a murderer, which he still is. But no, to this day Sagner proudly defends the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Here is a fellow who still refuses to acknowledge the gulags, the mass executions, the political prisons, the totalitarian oppression, as the essence of the Castro regime; and he is now the head of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Shameful appointment, Mr. President. Find someone else.

THE IRS BUREAUCRACY

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the IRS told Joan Kilburn of Nevada she owed $92,000 that she said she did not. The IRS says, look, pay the $92,000, and we will leave you alone. Joan Kilburn said, you are wrong. And they said, prove it.

After 18 months, thousands of dollars, Joan Kilburn proved a very simple fact. Her ex-husband owed the money and owed the money before they were married. They finally agreed.

Ladies and gentlemen, tell me what has happened in our country when a Government bureaucrat can look at a citizen and say prove it. Prove it, and we will leave you alone.

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God Almighty, if we want to reform the IRS, then change the burden-of-proof law. In America, a person is innocent until proven guilty. Where did we allow the IRS to go off half-cocked, accusing our citizens of wrongs without proving it? Joan Kilburn, bravo.

I yield back the balance of all those penalties.

AMERICANS LIKE TAX REFORM

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, throughout the 104th Congress no issue has struck a chord with the American people like tax reform: Fundamental radical tax reform to make paying taxes simpler and fair, tax reform that will get rid of the IRS.

This does not come from tax cheaters. It comes from hard-working Americans who are tired of being intimidated by their own Government in the form of the IRS.

During one of my meetings in August, I was given this very beautiful piece of modern art that I am wearing today, this T-shirt, to show how strongly people feel about the IRS. They said, take this back to Washington and tell them that we want the IRS gone, and to do that, we want a different tax system; and this particular group preferred the sales tax system. This should be a top priority of the 105th Congress.

They also gave me an additional shirt, a little lady come up to me and said, would you please take this shirt to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] for his hard work to get rid of the IRS? So I have to put up with the gentleman's popularity even in my own district.

ETHICS COMMITTEE SHOULD RELEASE INDEPENDENT COUNSEL'S REPORT

(Mr. VOLKMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, as I said yesterday, over a year ago, I pointed out that this House has a severe dark cloud hanging over it, all because of the inaction of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct on complaints that have been filed against our Speaker, NEWT GINGRICH. They have been stalled and stalled and stalled. Now we have a report that has been filed by the independent counsel, and they are not releasing the report.

POINTS OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina). The gentleman will state it.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman has been here long enough to know the rules of the House. He shows it on the floor of the House all the time. He is abusing the rules of the House by referring to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sustains the point of order, and would permit the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] to proceed in order.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, one newspaper in Connecticut appropriately describes the chairperson of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct as ''Stonewall Johnson.'' That is a perfect, appropriate description of the gentlewoman from Connecticut, and she has handled well the delay so that none of the ethics violations by the Speaker will ever be seen in the light of day.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. LINDER. The gentleman is continuing to refer to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would sustain the point of order of the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LINDER] and would remind Members that it is inappropriate to refer to the Members of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and their work.

TAX CUTS SHOULD REDUCE TAXES

(Mr. BAKER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, if a politician says that he wants to cut taxes, it would really help his case if the tax cuts would actually reduce the tax burden. President Clinton says he wants to cut taxes, but if you seriously look at his proposals, you will see not a tax cut, but voila, a tax increase.

A report released this week by the Joint Committee on Taxation shows that Bill Clinton's tax proposals will increase taxes $64 billion. Bill Clinton's bridge to the 21st century is evidently paved with the hard-earned tax dollars of the American family. Bill Clinton and the liberal Democrats have absolutely no intention of cutting taxes on any American family. Despite all the fancy terminology and all the sweet sounding words, Democrats remain the tax-and-spend liberals they have always been. Nothing has changed; they love big government. And the liberals claim that they want to cut your taxes in order to continue robbing the people of America to feather their nests here in Washington. This report proves it.

Shame on you liberal Democrats.

OUTSIDE COUNSEL'S REPORT PRIVILEGED RESOLUTION

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today or tomorrow the House will consider a privileged resolution I have introduced calling on the Ethics Committee to release the report of the outside counsel investigating Speaker NEWT GINGRICH. I would like to read the text of that privileged resolution:

Whereas on December 6, 1995, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct agreed to appoint an outside counsel to conduct an independent, nonpartisan investigation of allegations of ethical misconduct by Speaker Newt Gingrich;

Whereas, after an eight-month investigation, that outside counsel has submitted an extensive document containing the results of his inquiry;

Whereas the report of the outside counsel cost the taxpayers $500,000;

Whereas the public has a right—and members of Congress have a responsibility—to examine the work of the outside counsel and reach an independent judgment concerning the merits of the charges against the Speaker;

Whereas these charges have been before the Ethics Committee for more than two years:

Whereas a failure of the Committee to release the outside counsel's report before the adjournment of the 104th Congress will seriously undermine the credibility of the Ethics Committee and the integrity of the House of Representatives;

Therefore be it resolved that—

The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall immediately release to the public the outside counsel's report on Speaker Newt Gingrich, including any conclusions, recommendations, attachments, exhibits or accompanying material.

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT MUST COMPLETE ITS WORK

(Mr. GUNDERSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUNDERSON. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LEWIS], the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] earlier, are absolutely correct. I would like to join my colleagues on the other side of the aisle in publicly stating that the American people and this Congress have not only the right, but we as representatives of those people have the responsibility to see the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct complete its process, when it is complete. I repeat, when it is complete.

The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, chaired by the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. JOHNSON], our colleague, has conducted this investigation in accordance with the rules established by this House.

When the committee has completed its responsibilities, I am confident that the report will be made public and then the American people and the House of Representatives will have the opportunity and the responsibility to respond to those conclusions.

Until such time, I would call on my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to let the rules of the House and the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct complete its task and its responsibility. I believe that will be done properly.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A REASONABLE INVESTIGATION?

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I listen to my words of my friend, the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. GUNDERSON], and I would agree with him that clearly we do not want any half-baked anything here. But as I get ready to leave this body, I am beginning to think about what I could will to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and I am thinking about willing them an outbox. I guess the question is, how long does it take for a reasonable investigation? Our problem is 2 years seems like a very long time.

In the past, and we can bring those charts to the floor except they probably would be ruled out of order, but we have charts showing that all sorts of serious complaints before were dealt with in a matter of weeks or months, and sometimes days. But 2 years, 2 long years? And there is some suspicion that we may not see this until after the term is over and that people will then think, oh, well, it is moot now and we start all over again.

I think, if that happens, this body will really be operating under a very dark cloud.

''DEAR COLLEAGUE'' LETTER FROM THE PAST APPLIES TO PRESENT ETHICS COMMITTEE SITUATION

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, three of the previous speakers, the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER], the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LEWIS], and the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER], were all signatories to a letter that goes directly to this point that they are now arguing the other side of with respect to disclosure from the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. It was written just a few short years ago.

Mr. Speaker, it says:

As the Ethics Committee prepares its recommendations to the full House, it should only release the information which the Committee agrees is relevant and necessary to support its findings.

Why is that? Because, it goes on,

to ask a Member, any Member, to also respond in the court of public opinion to allegations, rumors and innuendo not deemed worthy of charge by the Committee would be totally unfair and a perversion of the process. Especially in a time of press sensationalism.

Public release of material not germane to formal Committee action

In the Wright case,

would be similar to the process used during the Joe McCarthy era: Ignore the discipline of the process and firm evidence and dump unproven allegations out in public and let the ensuing publicity destroy the person's reputation and character.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS

(Mr. WYNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield for just one second?

Mr. WYNN. I am delighted to yield to the gentlewoman from Colorado.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to respond that in the Wright case it took 2 weeks to get a special counsel, and in the Gingrich case we talked about 15 months. I think there is a great difference. Thank you.

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, people often wonder: Is there a difference between Democrats and Republicans? There absolutely is. That difference is being played out in the closing weeks of this year's session.

Mr. Speaker, the Democrats are trying to get more money for education, about $3.1 billion for education and job training. No, it will not unbalance the budget. The budget will be fine. But it will enable us to provide funds for basic math and reading skills. Head Start, summer jobs for kids, dislocated worker assistance, school-to-work initiatives, and Pell grants for college students.

Mr. Speaker, we hear a lot of rhetoric about our children's future. The Democrats care about our children's future. That is why we are fighting for education. The American people want more Federal support for education. Strapped local and State governments want more money for education.

We have an opportunity in the closing weeks of this session to provide that assistance without affecting the budget. We ought to do it.

Mr. Speaker, there is a difference between the Democrats and Republicans: Democrats favor aid to education.

THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION RETREATS

(Mr. MILLER of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, after a decade of progress under Ronald Reagan and George Bush, Bill Clinton is leading the full-scale retreat on the war on drugs.

Upon arriving in the White House, Bill Clinton began by dismantling the war on drugs. He began by slashing the U.S. military's drug interdiction budget by 1,000 positions. In February 1993,

he eliminated 83 percent of the staff at the Office of National Drug Policy. That is where the drug czar works.

Bill Clinton cut Customs Service interdiction by 20 percent. And to top it off, in December 1993, the Clinton-appointed Surgeon General, Jocelyn Elders, publicly talked about drug legalization.

Mr. Speaker, is it any surprise that under Bill Clinton's watch the number of 12- to 17-year-olds using marijuana has doubled? And marijuana use today starts at a younger age. The average age of first use is about 13½ years.

The children of today are coming under the era of the President who said, I didn't inhale. And now it is our communities that are feeling the pain.

SELECT COMMITTEE NEEDED TO INVESTIGATE CIA/CRACK CONNECTIONS

(Ms. WATERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I demand that this House investigate recent reports of CIA-organized military efforts which led to the introduction of crack cocaine into south central Los Angeles and other inner city areas.

The San Jose Mercury News, in a recent series of newspaper articles, has documented the involvement of CIA operatives in the earliest trafficking of crack cocaine into this country.

Crack cocaine has ravaged our communities with despair, violence, addiction, and death. In what appears to be an overzealous attempt to raise money for the Nicaraguan Contras in the early 1980's, it is alleged that the CIA-run Contras used profits, profits made from selling drugs in the United States, to fund their movement.

Mr. Speaker, these charges are so severe that they require immediate congressional action. Today, I call on this House to pass legislation I have introduced enabling an Iran-Contra-type select committee to get to the bottom of the allegations that have been made.

We cannot wait to consider this matter, Mr. Speaker. Too much time has been lost already.

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ENGLISH AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

(Mr. ROTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, as this session draws to a close there is much unfinished business, very important business that we must address. One such piece of legislation that we have addressed in this House, thankfully, is the English language bill.

I have spoken to the leadership in the other body, and I hope that they will bring that bill up for a vote before the end of the session. Many Members have and I have personally spent years, countless months, weeks, days, and hours on this effort.

I am thankful that again we in this House had the good sense to pass this bill, as the American people have so often requested in every single poll taken in America. Now we must see to it that we carry this bold action for America through to its cherished end. I am asking the Members of this House to help me in that effort.

LET THE PEOPLE BE HEARD

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to speak on a very serious issue, and I truly believe that this should not be an issue, a cause of partisan stridency. But a friend of mine, Speaker Jim Wright, some years ago faced this House in a dignified manner. Interestingly enough, the report on Speaker Wright, an outstanding man, dealing with an ethics allegation, was issued and reported to this body in 14 days. Speaker Wright was a Democrat and a great American.

It seems to me quite contradictory and hypocritical that we now have a preliminary ethics report on the Speaker of the House and the American people cannot hear it. I do not need to rise to the floor of the House shouting at the top of my lungs. I only need to ask the question.

If there is a report of ethics violations on the Speaker of the House of the United States of America, let the people be heard and let the people hear the report. This report should be issued so that all of us can discuss it, understand it and respond to it. Release the special counsel's report now on behalf of the American people.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. LINDER. Pursuant to clause 2, rule IX, I hereby give notice of my intention to offer a question of privileges of the House resolution.

I will read the contents of the resolution:

Whereas, a complaint filed against Rep. Gephardt alleges House Rules have been violated by Rep. Gephardt's concealment of profits gained through a complex series of real estate tax exchanges and;

Whereas, the complaint also alleges possible violations of banking disclosure and campaign finance laws or regulations and;

Whereas, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has in complex matters involving complaints hired outside counsel with expertise in tax laws and regulations and;

Whereas, the Committee on Standards of Office Conduct is responsible for determining whether Rep. Gephardt's financial transactions violated standards of conduct or specific rules of House of Representatives and;

Whereas, the complaint against Rep. Gephardt has been languishing before the committee for more than seven months and the integrity of the ethics process and the manner in which Members are disciplined is called into question; now, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct is authorized and directed to hire a special counsel to assist in the investigation of this matter.

Resolved, That all relevant materials presented to, or developed by, the committee to date on the complaint be submitted to a special counsel, for review and recommendation to determine whether the committee should proceed to a preliminary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina). Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time or place designated by the Chair in the legislative schedule within 2 legislative days. The Chair will announce that designation at a later time.

A determination as to whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege will be made at that later time.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2977, ADMINISTRATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACT OF 1996

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1 of rule XX and by direction of the Committee on the Judiciary, I move to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2977) to reauthorize alternative means of dispute resolution in the Federal administrative process, and for other purposes, with Senate amendments thereto, disagree to the Senate amendments, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, this is the customary request which will enable us to go to conference on this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the motion.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE].

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. HYDE, GEKAS, FLANAGAN, CONYERS, and REED.

There was no objection.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 339, nays 58, answered ''present'' 1, not voting 35, as follows:

[Roll No. 420]

YEAS—339

Ackerman	Deutsch	Kelly
Allard	Diaz-Balart	Kennedy (MA)
Andrews	Dixon	Kennedy (RI)
Archer	Doggett	Kennelly
Armey	Dooley	Kildee
Bachus	Doolittle	Kim
Baesler	Doyle	King
Baker (CA)	Dreier	Kingston
Baker (LA)	Duncan	Kleczka
Baldacci	Dunn	Klink
Ballenger	Durbin	Klug
Barcia	Edwards	Knollenberg
Barr	Ehlers	Kolbe
Barrett (NE)	Ehrlich	LaHood
Barrett (WI)	Engel	Lantos
Bartlett	Eshoo	Largent
Barton	Evans	Laughlin
Bass	Ewing	Lazio
Bateman	Farr	Leach
Becerra	Fattah	Lightfoot
Bereuter	Fawell	Lincoln
Berman	Foglietta	Linder
Bevill	Foley	Livingston
Bilbray	Forbes	LoBiondo
Bilirakis	Ford	Lofgren
Bishop	Fowler	Lowey
Bliley	Frank (MA)	Lucas
Blumenauer	Franks (CT)	Luther
Blute	Franks (NJ)	Maloney
Boehlert	Frelinghuysen	Manton
Boehner	Frisa	Manzullo
Bonilla	Frost	Martinez
Boucher	Gallegly	Martini
Brewster	Gejdenson	Mascara
Browder	Gekas	Matsui
Brown (FL)	Geren	McCarthy
Brown (OH)	Gilchrest	McCollum
Brownback	Gilman	McCrery
Bryant (TN)	Gonzalez	McDade
Bryant (TX)	Goodlatte	McHale
Bunning	Goodling	McHugh
Burr	Gordon	McInnis
Burton	Goss	McIntosh
Buyer	Graham	McKeon
Callahan	Greene (UT)	McKinney
Calvert	Greenwood	Meehan
Camp	Gunderson	Meek
Campbell	Gutierrez	Metcalf
Canady	Hall (OH)	Meyers
Cardin	Hall (TX)	Mica
Castle	Hamilton	Millender-McDonald
Chabot	Hancock	Miller (FL)
Chambliss	Hansen	Minge
Chenoweth	Hastert	Mink
Christensen	Hastings (WA)	Moakley
Chrysler	Hayworth	Molinari
Clement	Hefner	Mollohan
Clinger	Herger	Montgomery
Coble	Hobson	Moorhead
Coburn	Hoekstra	Moran
Coleman	Hoke	Morella
Collins (GA)	Holden	Murtha
Combest	Horn	Myers
Condit	Hostettler	Myrick
Costello	Houghton	Nadler
Cox	Hoyer	Neal
Coyne	Hunter	Nethercutt
Cramer	Hyde	Neumann
Crapo	Inglis	Ney
Cremeans	Istook	Norwood
Cubin	Jackson (IL)	Nussle
Cummings	Jackson-Lee (TX)	Oberstar
Cunningham	Jefferson	Obey
Danner	Johnson (CT)	Olver
Davis	Johnson (SD)	Ortiz
Deal	Johnson, Sam	Orton
DeLauro	Kanjorski	Owens
DeLay	Kaptur	Oxley
Dellums	Kasich	Packard
Deutsch	Kelly	Pallone
Diaz-Balart	Kennedy (MA)	Parker
Dixon	Kennedy (RI)	Pastor
Doggett	Kennelly	Paxon
Dooley	Kildee	Payne (NJ)
Doolittle	Kim	Payne (VA)
Doyle	King	Pelosi
Dreier	Kingston	Peterson (MN)
Duncan	Kleczka	Petri
Dunn	Klink	Pomeroy
Durbin	Klug	Porter
Edwards	Knollenberg	Portman
Ehlers	Kolbe	Pryce
Ehrlich	LaHood	Quillen
Engel	Lantos	Quinn
Eshoo	Largent	Radanovich
Evans	Laughlin	Rahall
Ewing	Lazio	Rangel
Farr	Leach	Reed
Fattah	Lightfoot	Regula
Fawell	Lincoln	Riggs
Foglietta	Linder	Rivers
Foley	Livingston	Roberts
Forbes	LoBiondo	Roemer
Ford	Lofgren	Rogers
Fowler	Lowey	Rohrabacher
Frank (MA)	Lucas	Ros-Lehtinen
Franks (CT)	Luther	Rose
Franks (NJ)	Maloney	Roth
Frelinghuysen	Manton	Roukema
Frisa	Manzullo	Roybal-Allard
Frost	Martinez	Royce
Gallegly	Martini	Salmon
Gejdenson	Mascara	Sanders
Gekas	Matsui	Sanford
Geren	McCarthy	Sawyer
Gilchrest	McCollum	Saxton
Gilman	McCrery	Scarborough
Gonzalez	McDade	Schaefer
Goodlatte	McHale	Schiff
Goodling	McHugh	Schumer
Gordon	McInnis	Scott
Goss	McIntosh	Seastrand
Graham	McKeon	Sensenbrenner
Greene (UT)	McKinney	Serrano
Greenwood	Meehan	Shadegg
Gunderson	Meek	Shaw
Gutierrez	Metcalf	Shays
Hall (OH)	Meyers	Shuster
Hall (TX)	Mica	Sisisky
Hamilton	Millender-McDonald	Skaggs
Hancock	Miller (FL)	Skeen
Hansen	Minge	Skelton
Hastert	Mink	Slaughter
Hastings (WA)	Moakley	Smith (MI)
Hayworth	Molinari	Smith (NJ)
Hefner	Mollohan	Smith (TX)
Herger	Montgomery	Smith (WA)
Hobson	Moorhead	Solomon
Hoekstra	Moran	Souder
Hoke	Morella	Spence
Holden	Murtha	Spratt
Horn	Myers	Stearns
Hostettler	Myrick	Stenholm
Houghton	Nadler	Stokes
Hoyer	Neal	Studds
Hunter	Nethercutt	Talent
Hyde	Neumann	Tanner
Inglis	Ney	Tate
Istook	Norwood	Tauzin
Jackson (IL)	Nussle	Taylor (NC)
Jackson-Lee (TX)	Oberstar	Tejeda
Jefferson	Obey	Thomas
Johnson (CT)	Olver	Thornberry
Johnson (SD)	Ortiz	Thurman
Johnson, Sam	Orton	Tiahrt
Kanjorski	Owens	Torres
Kaptur	Oxley	Torricelli
Towns	Traficant	Upton
Velazquez	Vucanovich	Walker
Walsh	Wamp	Ward
Waters	Watt (NC)	Waxman
Weldon (FL)	Weldon (PA)	White
Whitfield	Wicker	Wise
Wolf	Woolsey	Wynn
Yates	Young (AK)	Young (FL)
Zeliff		

NAYS—58

Abercrombie	Gephardt	Pickett
Bonior	Gibbons	Pombo
Borski	Gillmor	Poshard
Brown (CA)	Green (TX)	Ramstad
Bunn	Gutknecht	Rush
Clay	Hefley	Sabo
Clyburn	Hilleary	Schroeder
Collins (IL)	Hilliard	Stockman
Collins (MI)	Hinchey	Stupak
Cooley	Hutchinson	Taylor (MS)
Crane	Jacobs	Thompson
Dingell	Johnson, E. B.	Torkildsen
English	Jones	Vento
Ensign	Latham	Visclosky
Everett	Levin	Volkmer
Fazio	Lewis (GA)	Watts (OK)
Flake	Lewis (KY)	Weller
Flanagan	Lipinski	Zimmer
Fox	Markey	
Funderburk	Miller (CA)	

ANSWERED ''PRESENT''—1

Harman

NOT VOTING—35

Beilenson	Fields (TX)	Longley
Bentsen	Filner	McDermott
Bono	Furse	McNulty
Chapman	Ganske	Menendez
Clayton	Hastings (FL)	Peterson (FL)
Conyers	Hayes	Richardson
de la Garza	Heineman	Stark
DeFazio	Johnston	Stump
Dickey	Kasich	Thornton
Dicks	LaFalce	Williams
Dornan	LaTourette	Wilson
Fields (LA)	Lewis (CA)	

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Mr. HINCHEY changed his vote from ''nay'' to ''yea.''

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

DISCHARGING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S VETO OF H.R. 1833, PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 1995

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The clerk will report the motion.

The clerk read as follows:

Mr. CANADY of Florida moves to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from the further consideration of the President's veto of the bill, H.R. 1833.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida [Mr. CANADY] is recognized for 1 hour.

☐ 1100

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. CANADY of Florida asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on April 15 this year President Bill Clinton vetoed H.R. 1833, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act.

As a result, the President is the one person standing in the way of Congress saving thousands of children from being partially delivered and then killed with an abortion procedure that has shocked the conscience of the American people.

The drawings here describe the procedure called partial-birth abortion. These drawings describe this horrible procedure step by step. Mr. Speaker, in the partial-birth abortion procedure, the physician or the abortionist begins in this way. Guided by ultrasound, he grabs the live baby's leg with forceps. Then the abortionist pulls the baby's leg out into the birth canal. The abortionist delivers the living baby's entire body except for the head, which is deliberately kept lodged just within the uterus, as is depicted in this drawing.

Then the abortionist jams scissors into the baby's skull. The scissors are opened to enlarge the hole. This is the step in this procedure which kills a living human child.

Next, in completing this horrible procedure, the abortionist removes the scissors and inserts a suction catheter into the baby's skull. The child's brains are removed, causing the skull to collapse, and the delivery of a dead child is completed. This tells the truth about partial-birth abortion. This is the truth that the proponents of partial-birth abortion have tried to conceal from the very day that the debate over this bill began. These are the drawings that the supporters of partial-birth abortion tried to censor and tried to prevent this House from even seeing and tried to prevent the American people from even seeing, but this is the truth that cannot be concealed.

After the President vetoed this bill, which was passed with strong bipartisan support here in this House and in

the Senate, Senator DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN of New York said, and I quote, ''I think this is just too close to infanticide. A child has been born and it has exited the uterus, and what on earth is this procedure?''

Senator MOYNIHAN is right. The only difference between the partial-birth abortion procedure and homicide is a mere 3 inches. President Clinton and the abortion lobby have tried to defend this indefensible procedure by propagating a number of myths to mislead the press and the public.

Supporters of partial-birth abortion have repeatedly denied or misrepresented the facts about partial-birth abortion. But the truth cries out against them. Despite their relentless effort to misrepresent and confuse the issue, the evidence continues to mount against this horrible practice. Both the National Abortion Federation and the National Abortion Rights Action League claim that anesthesia administered to the mother before a partial-birth abortion is performed kills the child, and therefore the child feels no pain when those scissors are being inserted into the child's head. Norig Ellison, the President of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, unequivocally stated that those claims had absolutely no basis in scientific fact.

Dr. David Birnbach, the President-elect of the Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology, said the claims were crazy, but despite these and other authoritative statements to the contrary, the abortion lobby continued to assert the falsehood concerning anesthesia.

Dr. Ellison said that he was deeply concerned that widespread publicity may cause pregnant women to delay necessary and perhaps life-saving medical procedures, totally unrelated to the birthing process, due to misinformation regarding the effect of anesthetics on the fetus.

Consequently, I held a hearing in the Subcommittee on the Constitution to put to rest the anesthesia myth. The facts were clear: Anesthesia administered to the mother during a partial-birth abortion does not kill the child, nor does the anesthesia alleviate the child's pain. Dr. Jean Wright, a professor of pediatrics and anesthesia at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, concluded that the partial-birth abortion procedure, if it were done on an animal in my institution, would not make it through the institutional review process. The animal would be more protected than this child is.

The National Abortion Federation, a lobbying group that represents abortion providers, also claims that partial-birth abortion was inconsequential because only 500 children per year were being aborted using the method. This myth exploded when the Record, a daily newspaper published in northern New Jersey, documented that doctors at a single abortion clinic in Englewood, NJ, performed 1,500 partial-birth abortions per year on women who are 20 to 24 weeks pregnant. That is three times the number the abortion lobby claims nationwide.

The paper also reported that the New Jersey doctors say only a minuscule amount are for medical reasons. That is very interesting that the National Abortion Federation, which represents abortion providers, did not know about this. The people who are doing this are represented by that organization. Yet they claim such a small number of these procedures were being performed. It simply was not true. I would suggest it is very likely they knew it was not true.

The admission of these New Jersey doctors that only a minuscule amount of the 1,500 partial-birth abortions they perform every year are for medical reasons brings me to the most pervasive myth promulgated by the abortion lobby. The abortion lobby claims that partial-birth abortion is only used in cases where a mother needs the procedure to spare her health or future fertility. President Clinton used this claim when he vetoed the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, asserting that the procedure is necessary for women's health.

Unfortunately, for the most part this claim has been reported uncritically, although the evidence is overwhelmingly against it. Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop insists that the President is misinformed about partial-birth abortion. Dr. Koop explains:

> In no way can I twist my mind to see that the late-term abortion as described, partial-birth, and then destruction of the unborn child before the head is born, is a medical necessity for the mother. It certainly can't be a necessity for the baby. So I'm opposed to partial-birth abortions.

Dr. Martin Haskell, who has performed over 1,000 partial-birth abortions, wrote that he routinely performs this procedure on all patients 20 through 24 weeks; that is, 4½ to 5½ months into pregnancy. Haskell told the American Medical News.

> I will be quite frank: Most of my abortions are elective in that 20- to 24-week range. In my particular case, probably 20 percent are for genetic reasons. And the other 80 percent are purely elective.

Another abortionist, Dr. James McMahon, who performed partial-birth abortions in the third trimester on five women who appeared with President Clinton at his April 15 veto event, submitted to Congress a detailed breakdown of a series of over 2,000 partial-birth abortions. He classified only 9 percent as involving maternal health indications, of which the most common was depression. Other health reasons included spousal drug exposure and the youth of the mother. That is what they are talking about when they talk about health.

Another 56 percent of these abortions were for fetal flaws, but these included a great many nonlethal disorders such as cleft lip and Down's syndrome.

Most strikingly, Dr. McMahon did not list reasons, not even depression or cleft lip, for more than one-third of the partial-birth abortions he performed. McMahon candidly admitted that he used the procedure for elective abortions, explaining ''after 20 weeks, where it frankly is a child to me, I really agonize over it,'' but he added, ''Who owns the child? Who owns the child? It's got to be the mother.'' Property can be disposed of in such a heinous manner.

Just this week the Washington Post described the real circumstances behind most partial-birth abortions. Dr. David Brown, a staff writer, wrote:

> The typical patients tend to be young, low-income women, often poorly-educated or naive, whose reasons for waiting so long to end their pregnancies are rarely medical.

Clearly, most partial-birth abortions are performed on the healthy children of healthy mothers. But let me address the small percentage of partial-birth abortions that are performed on children with conditions that may be incompatible with life outside the womb. The President of the United States used his bully pulpit to tell women throughout the country that the gruesome partial-birth abortion procedure must remain available because the only alternative is to allow doctors to ''* * * rip your bodies to shreds, and you could never have another baby even though the baby you were carrying couldn't live.''

In response to this statement, this outrageous statement, Dr. Nancy Romer, a practicing high-risk obstetrician-gynecologist who is also a professor of medicine, said, this is totally untrue. There is no basis in fact for what the President has claimed. There is no scientific evidence, there is no medical evidence, to support that.

The President has relied on a campaign of misinformation. The supporters of partial-birth abortion have relied on a campaign of misinformation. But it is time that we put a stop to the misinformation about partial-birth abortion.

We have had women who have come forward who have had similar circumstances to the women who were there at the White House at the veto ceremony. They went forward with their pregnancies. They delivered the babies without the use of this procedure, and there was no harm done to them. They have stood and given witness to that fact.

These brave women took it upon themselves to request that the President give them the same opportunity to meet with him that he extended to families who have had partial-birth abortions. On behalf of the women, Mrs. Jeannie French wrote to the President.

> Perhaps inadvertently, you sent a message of hopelessness to women and families who anticipate the birth of children with serious or fatal disabilities. This message is so wrong.

Unfortunately, the President flatly refused to meet with them.

When asked about vetoing the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, Bill Clinton said:

The President is the only place in this system of ours where there is one person who can stand up for the people with no voice, no power, who are going to be eviscerated.

Eviscerate has a medical meaning; that is, to remove the contents of a body organ.

Mr. Speaker, partially born children are being eviscerated. You can see it right here. Instead of standing up for these tiny, defenseless people, Bill Clinton stood in their way and stands in their way. I urge my colleagues to take this opportunity today to stand up for children with no voice, no power; children who are going to be eviscerated in the future unless we pass this bill over the President's veto.

Vote yes on the motion to discharge, and then vote yes to override President Clinton's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. Let us put a stop to this horrendous procedure. Let us stop partial-birth abortion in America.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER (Mr. LAHOOD). The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are guests of the House, and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is a violation of the House rules.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. FRANK], chairman of the subcommittee.

□ 1115

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. It is the chairman in exile, Mr. Speaker.

The gentleman who just spoke acknowledged that there are cases where there are health reasons. He said they are a small number. This bill is controversial for one reason and one reason only. The majority absolutely, in both branches, refused to allow an amendment that would have provided an exception where the health of the mother was at stake. In the other body, such an amendment was put forward and it was defeated. In this House, we went to the Committee on Rules and asked for the right to present it, and we were not allowed to do it.

If the majority feels that the health-generated abortions of this sort are such a minuscule portion of the total, why have they adamantly refused to allow us to vote on such an amendment? We are talking here when we talk about health, about cases where the child to be born is unfortunately so severely deformed as to have no chance of life whatsoever, and the question is, if a doctor decides late in a pregnancy when this is dicovered that the child will not survive if born and that this is the method of abortion that minimizes risk to the mother, this bill makes that a crime. We were not even allowed to vote on that.

Members have said that on the other side, ''Well, if you just say health, it will be too vague.'' Well, they have got the votes. They could have defined health. They could have said physical health. They could have said significant physical health.

Understand that this bill would outlaw, as it is presented to us, and this is what the President justifiably discussed when he vetoed it, this would outlaw the doctor deciding in his or her judgment what is the best procedure for a fetus that has no chance of life outside the mother and the doctor says this is the safest way.

We have had people who have said, ''Look, the doctor said to me if I didn't use this procedure, my ability to have children in the future would have been wiped out.''

This bill says no. If in fact they believe that medical-generated cases are a small number, why did they not allow us to vote on this? The reason is, this is part of an effort by people who conscientiously believe that all abortion is wrong. The people pushing for this bill do not really differentiate in their own minds, morally, philosophically, any other way, between this particular form of abortion and any other form performed in the second or third month. They do not like the whole notion. No one does. It is not a pleasant thing to describe in any form. But the question is, if a doctor says to a woman in her sixth or seventh month, ''Look, we have sad news, the child you will give birth to will have no chance whatsoever of life and in fact if you give birth in the normal fashion, this could damage your health, and I want to use this procedure''; the doctor says, ''I advise that we follow this procedure, because in my medical judgment any other action would threaten your health,'' that doctor has just proposed the commission of a crime.

Send this back to conference, give us an amendment that says significant physical health effects would be a reason to allow this, and you would not have a controversy because the President would have signed the bill.

So that is the whole story. This bill refuses to allow a doctor and the pregnant woman to decide that in the case of a fetus that has no chance to live this is the best procedure and you would make that a crime.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. ROEMER].

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, we are talking today about a procedure that is defined as the following: ''Partially delivers a living fetus before killing the fetus and completing the delivery.'' And we are talking about doing this with a pair of scissors inserted into the back of this baby's skull.

Now, let me gently try to contrast that image that you have right now with one that is given in a very popular book today on the bestseller list, ''What To Expect When You're Expecting,'' when people are ready for the joy of a new birth in their family. In the fifth and the sixth month when many of these gruesome procedures are performed, here is what is happening to this baby:

By the end of the sixth month, the fetus is about 13 inches long and weighs about a pound and a quarter. Its skin is thin and shiny with no underlying fat. Its finger and toe prints are visible. Eyelids begin to part. The eyes are opening. With intensive care, the fetus may survive now outside the womb.

So we are now contrasting a procedure that is brutal and gruesome and abominable with what we could put into care and technology and love and commitment to have that baby survive.

Let me say, Mr. Speaker, that in this body we spend billions of dollars on satellites in space that can pick up a license plate on Earth. We spend billions on defense, for F–117's to deliver cruise missiles. Can we not find a measure to ban these procedures?

Mr. Speaker, pro-life, pro-choice people, this is not a question of one's philosophy. We all agree abortion should be rare. This procedure should be banned. Let us vote today in a bipartisan way to save our children, to be bipartisan, and to permanently ban the procedure that takes these precious lives that might and could be saved.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE], a distinguished member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, with great emotion I rise this morning really to speak to the American people, for giving birth, as I have done, is not a pretty picture. But, oh, what a wonderful sight when that bouncing and wonderfully larger than life human being comes into your arms.

So as a member of the House Committee on the Judiciary, it was with great trepidation and tears and emotion that I listened to women come and not talk about death but talk about life, the kind of life that you see in these families.

I am pained now to be on the floor of the House because Republicans have made a medical procedure now a political cause. I am pained because I personally know the pain of praying for a fetus to survive and it did not. I am glad I had the support of my God, my doctor, and my family. I believe Americans are praying people, who believe in the right to privacy in this most difficult and private matter.

This is a medical procedure that is only done to save the life of the mother and to give a family the opportunity to bear children again. Note that I say a family, for this is a significant decision that must be made with the significant partner, the husband, the wife, the family, and, yes, the physician and their spiritual leader and their God.

Listening to the testimony about a woman who had a child that could not be viable, the doctors told this woman

who testified that there was no hope, she asked about utero surgery, about shunts to remove the fluid that was on the brain. Nothing would work. There was pain. And the only thing that could work would be this procedure.

In trying to seek some relief, this particular woman who testified at the Judiciary Committee went to several specialists, looking for an opportunity to preserve life. I ask for mercy today that we would be allowed to go back to committee to address the question of life.

Birth is not pretty, but we want it to occur. This procedure is not pretty, and it should not be on the floor of the House, but God help us that we not take this time to deny American women and families the opportunity for life. Sustain the President. Allow us to fix it to provide life for Americans.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would inquire of the Chair concerning the amount of time remaining on both sides.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from Florida [Mr. CANADY] has 13½ minutes remaining and the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] has 24 minutes remaining.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Florida [Mr. DEUTSCH].

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak in the short time that I have for the people who are not in this Chamber today, who cannot speak for themselves but have spoken in other settings.

This is a picture of Coreen Costello and her family. I am going to quote from a letter that she has written. If anyone wants it, they can ask their Member of Congress for the complete letter.

Those who want to ban a controversial late-term abortion technique might think I would be an ally. I was raised in a conservative, religious family. My parents are Rush Limbaugh fans. I'm a Republican who always believed that abortion was wrong.

Then I had one.

Disaster struck in my seventh month. Ultrasound testing showed that something was terribly wrong with my baby. Because of a lethal neuromuscular disease, her body had stiffened up inside my uterus.

Our doctors told us that Katherine Grace could not survive, and that her condition made giving birth dangerous for me—possibly even life threatening. Because she could not absorb amniotic fluid, it had gathered in my uterus to such dangerous levels that I weighed as much as if I were at full term.

At first I wanted the doctors to induce labor, but they told me that Katherine was wedged so tightly in my pelvis that there was a good chance my uterus would rupture. We talked about a caesarean section. But they said this, too, would have been too dangerous for me.

Finally we confronted the painful reality: Our only real option was to terminate the pregnancy.

She goes on to mention that ''I'm pregnant again and due in June.''

There are health issues that this procedure protects that would be banned and made criminal by this bill. That is a fact. The gentleman from Florida [Mr. CANADY] might want to ignore that, but it is a fact. I do not think there is any person that would want this.

The gentleman from Florida [Mr. CANADY], our colleague, we have got great news that he is engaged now, just got engaged, I guess, recently. Hopefully he is going to have children. I have a daughter who is 4 years old. Some day hopefully she will have children.

I pray that no one would ever have to face the choice that some of these women faced, but in the real world people will have those choices and they will have to make that choice of their own health or not, as to the best procedure that is available. I just do not think that it is the right thing for the U.S. Congress to do, to tell Mrs. Costello or other women that they should put their lives at risk in this type of situation.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentlewoman from California [Ms. PELOSI].

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the gentlewoman from Colorado for her leadership and for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this legislation and to the veto override of H.R. 1833. I believe it is unconstitutional and interferes directly with the practice of medicine. It is an unwarranted and unneeded government intrusion into medicine and into the family. The bill destroys the family's right to face a devastating circumstance with safety and dignity. But don't listen to me. I think that nothing speaks more eloquently to this issue than the voice of some of the families who have been through these very, very sad circumstances.

□ 1130

Many women who have undergone this procedure have bravely shared their stories with Members of Congress and the country, because of their great fear that other women facing tragic circumstances late in pregnancy will not have access to the safest possible procedures.

One such women is Vikki Stella, whose beautiful family is shown here. Vikki writes that her husband Archer and she live in Illinois, in a western suburb of Chicago. They have three children, Lindsay, Natalie, and Nicholas.

A little less than 2 years ago Vikki had a procedure that this legislation would ban. She was in the third trimester of pregnancy for a much-wanted son. She was diabetic and therefore her health was of particular concern. During the pregnancy she had to inject herself many times a day with insulin, et cetera.

She had prenatal tests showing her pregnancy was normal, but at 32 weeks she says her world was turned upside down. She went in for another ultrasound which found grave problems that had not been detected before. ''Ultimately,'' she said, ''my son was diagnosed with at least nine major anomalies that included a fluid-filled cranium with no brain tissue at all.''

Vikki said never in the lives of her family would they have imagined a disaster like this could happen to them. Their options were extremely limited because of her diabetic situation. A C-section or a normal labor were not options available to her without having potentially severe health consequences.

The best option was a highly specialized surgical abortion procedure developed for women with similar difficult conditions, called an intact D&E. ''This procedure was gentle,'' says Vikki. ''Our baby was delivered intact. We held him in our arms and said our goodbyes. We named him Anthony.''

Losing Anthony was a great tragedy for her, which she so generously, the Stella family has so generously shared with this Congress so that other women will have the best possible options available to them.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD the letter from Vikki Stella referred to above:

JULY 29, 1996.

Member of Congress,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MEMBER OF CONGRESS: My name is Vikki Stella. My husband Archer and I live in Naperville, Illinois, in the western suburbs of Chicago. We have three children, Lindsay, who is twelve; Natalie, who is seven; and Nicholas Archer, who is seven months old. I am one of the women who stood with President Clinton as he vetoed H.R. 1833, the so-called ''Partial Birth Abortion'' Ban Act.

A little less than two years ago I had a procedure that the legislation would ban. I was in my third trimester of pregnancy with a much-wanted son. I am diabetic and, therefore, my health is of particular concern. During the pregnancy, I injected myself twice a day with insulin and checked my blood sugars eight times a day by pricking my finger and using a glucose meter. I had more prenatal tests than most women including an amniocentesis and five ultrasounds. Our doctor had pronounced my pregnancy ''disgustingly normal.'' But then at 32 weeks, our world turned upside-down. I went in for another ultrasound, which found grave problems that had not been detected before. Ultimately, my son was diagnosed with at least nine major anomalies: these included a fluid-filled cranium with no brain tissue at all; compacted, flattened vertebrae; congenital hip dysplasia; skeletal dysplasia; and hypertoloric eyes. He would never have survived outside my womb.

Never in our lives had we imagined that a disaster like this could happen to us. We went home to our house in Naperville, to the bedroom prepared for out little boy—tiny clothes folded, crib assembled, walls painted—and we cried.

Our options were extremely limited because of my diabetes: I don't heal as well as other people so waiting for normal labor to occur, inducing labor early, or having a C-section would have had potentially severe health consequences for me. The best option was a highly specialized, surgical abortion

procedure developed for women with similar difficult conditions called an intact D&E.

The procedure was gentle and our baby boy was delivered intact. We held him and said our goodbyes. We named him Anthony.

Losing Anthony was the most difficult thing we have gone through. When I was asked to come to Washington to share this personal grief, I agonized over the decision to come forward. This is not an easy story to tell. It's very private and very painful. But I know there will be other women after me who will need this procedure. Contrary to the image that is portrayed by supporters of this bill, we are not mothers who want ''perfect babies'' or mothers who are having third-trimester abortions because of cleft palates and missing fingers. Well, yes, Anthony had a cleft palate. I wish to God that was his only problem! He wasn't just imperfect—his anomalies were incompatible with life. The only thing that was keeping him alive was my body. He could never have survived outside my womb, so I did the kindest thing, the most loving thing I know to do. I took my son off life support.

When I went to Washington to tell Congress the truth about this procedure, my oldest daughter asked me why I was going. I told her that I was going because of Anthony. Lindsay who was eleven at the time and very smart for her age, wanted to know why I had to go to Washington because her baby brother died. So I told her the whole story. When I finished she looked up at me with her great big eyes and said, without hesitation, ''Mommy, you did the right thing.'' It's a sad thing when an eleven-year-old is wiser than some Members of Congress.

Fortunately President Clinton listened to my story and the stories of families like mine and the tragedies we faced. He took the time to meet with me and hear how important it was for me to have the compassionate procedure. Holding Nicky in his arms, the President understood that that beautiful baby boy would not have been possible if it were not for the safety of the surgical procedure that protected my reproductive health.

Please stand with the President and vote to sustain his veto.

Sincerely,

VIKKI STELLA,
Naperville, Illinois.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN].

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, in the 14 years that I have served in Congress I have faced many votes on this issue. Not one of these votes has been an easy one. I have tried to make a decision of conscience in each case.

When I took a look at the drawings which the Republicans bring forward about this procedure, it troubled me. And I am sure as we hear this procedure described, it troubles us all, as it would most Americans.

But then one day a woman walked into my office whom I had never met before, from Naperville, IL. Her name was Vikki Stella. She said to me, ''Congressman, let me tell you my story. We had several children in our family and our baby was on the way. We had named the child. We had painted the nursery. We had the baby shower. And we were told late in the pregnancy that a sonogram disclosed that this poor new baby of ours would never survive because of tragic deformities.''

Because Vikki was also diabetic and had her own medical conditions to be concerned about, the doctors warned her that if she went through a normal pregnancy at that point she ran the risk of never having another child. A double tragedy: Losing this baby and never being able to bear another.

She and her husband laid awake at night crying over this decision. It was no frivolous, easy decision for selfish reasons, and they decided that it was best for them and their family to terminate that pregnancy with the procedure that would be prohibited and criminalized by this bill.

She cried as she told me this story, and I started to have a little tear in my eye too, as anyone would. And then she brightened up and she said, ''You know what, Congressman? I'm pregnant again. We are going to have another baby. We will never forget our baby that we left and lost in this procedure, but our family is going to have another chance.''

Think about that for a minute. Not one of us, not one of us would have wanted to face this tragedy with our family. But think of this possibility. If we override the President's veto, we would eliminate the medical procedure that gave Vikki Stella of Naperville, IL another chance to have a baby.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Florida [Mrs. THURMAN].

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Colorado for yielding this time and for her leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I have only one thing to say today. I want to ask in this forum what one of the women who has had this procedure has been asking for weeks: Who are we to judge her and her family's heartache?

I want this body to know that I listened closely to Vikki Stella's story of her family tragedy. I saw the anguish in her eyes, but I marveled at her willingness to retell the story of her heartache, of learning in the third trimester of fatal fetal abnormalities and the tremendous threat her diabetes presented if she were to deliver such a child.

The Stella family's decision was not easy, and it has not been easy for her to spend the last year fighting against this legislation, but she has done it. She told me and she has told others so families faced with this personal tragedy have options.

I want my colleagues to think about us who have had critical family health emergencies. We know that it is important that the medical community has the opportunity to tell us what will best preserve and protect the health and safety of our families. Intact D&E gave the Stella family the chance to protect Vikki's health so she could continue to be a good healthy mother for her two daughters. It also allowed Vikki and her husband, Archer, to have a beautiful son, Nicholas, who is now 8 months old.

I do not support third trimester abortions except for in severe health situations. Vikki's story shows us why American families need this severe health exception, and this legislation does not contain it.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California [Mrs. SEASTRAND].

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, today this body of Representatives decides one of the most profound moral debates in the history of our Nation. Our children will look upon this day to see if we stood for principle. Will we vote to defend and protect the women and future children of this Nation? Will we vote for principle over political party? Will we defend our children or the President's veto?

Almost as shameless as the President's veto were his efforts to paint himself as the defender of the health of women. According to Mr. Clinton, the life and health of women depend on the employment of this brutal procedure.

No less an authority than former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop has made it clear that a partial birth abortion is never necessary under any circumstance.

I commend Democrat leaders, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT] and the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR], for their vote to ban partial birth abortions. And just as these two leaders stood up to their President, I hope all will follow their consciences and vote to override the President's veto.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. WISE].

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, there is no issue that I agonize over, and I suspect many Members here agonize over, more than abortion. Except for the most committed on either side, the issues are not clear-cut and they are not easily resolved.

I also believe that reasonable limitations can be placed upon abortions performed late in pregnancy. But this legislation goes too far because it says doctors performing abortion using this procedure can be fined or jailed for 2 years.

The tragedy of this debate is not what is being said, it is what is not being said. Supporters say they want to prevent abortion. Yet the mothers who have this procedure, such as the women who have visited my office, did not want an abortion. They had to have this procedure to safeguard their health, their life, or because there was such a gross deformity of the fetus it was not likely to live.

It is important to note also what is not in this bill, Mr. Speaker: Any language that would permit the doctor to perform this procedure if the mother's health was seriously endangered. That is right. Even when a mother's health is seriously endangered a doctor performing this procedure can be jailed.

The supporters of this bill show dramatic pictures, artist's drawings, to make a case. Let me show a real photo

to make my case. This is Coreen Costello, who visited my office, and this is her family. Late in her pregnancy she learned the child she was carrying had a severe and fatal disability. Her doctors recommended this procedure because her child could not live and her health was seriously endangered. She had this procedure.

Mr. Speaker, she has now had another child, Tucker, and so this photo becomes even more complete with Tucker being added to it. There are other photos, Mr. Speaker, and other real families: Vikki Stella; Claudia Ades and her family.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot believe that when a mother's health is seriously endangered this Congress would stand between the mother, her family, and her God. There can be reasonable limitations, yes, on abortion, but I cannot support, Mr. Speaker, any legislation that is going to tell a doctor that if he or she performs the procedure that they feel necessary because a mother's health is seriously endangered, they can go to jail. I do not believe the American people want that either.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to my colleague, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. STEARNS].

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to comprehend an act that takes away the life of an infant just moments before his or her first breath. It is just as difficult to comprehend the veto of the bill that would halt this life-ending procedure by a President who claims to promote family values and respect for human life.

I have received over 8,000 letters and postcards from my constituents urging me on to vote to override President Clinton's veto of the partial birth abortion ban. I completely agree with these people. This procedure is a violation of the sixth Commandment: Thou shalt not murder.

In fact, hundreds of doctors, including Dr. Karrer, from Jacksonville, FL, a practicing obstetrician-gynecologist with 30 years' experience, all of them have come forward to say that partial birth abortions are never, never needed to preserve the life or fertility of the mother.

As we may recall, President Clinton's argument for vetoing this legislation was that this procedure is needed to prevent a serious adverse health consequence. However, the Supreme Court's definition of the term ''health'' includes all factors: physical, emotional, psychological. Using these definitions, partial birth abortions are justified for reasons ranging from the mother's depression to a baby's cleft palate.

Perhaps the President was misinformed, perhaps he turned a deaf ear to those who tried to give him these facts, or maybe he did not hear that 80 percent of partial birth abortions are performed for purely elective reasons. Whatever the case, President Clinton's arguments are flat-out wrong.

If President Clinton hears nothing else in all of these arguments, I urge him to listen to the words of Mother Teresa who said, ''The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. Because if a mother can kill her own child, what is left? For me to kill you and you to kill me. There is nothing in between.''

I strenuously object to President Clinton's veto of this ban, and I urge my colleagues today to vote to override this shameful veto.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Texas [Mr. DOGGETT].

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, this debate has nothing to do with murdering babies; it has everything to do with murdering the truth.

It is a deplorable and cynical move that the sponsors of this measure engage in to exploit the very deeply held and genuine religious convictions of millions of Americans.

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If anyone, no matter how religious and how committed on this issue, really believes the opening statement of the gentleman from Florida [Mr. CANADY] that there are thousands of babies across this country that are being stabbed to death moments before they are born into this world, then I would say to all these antichoice Republican militants, ''The blood is on your hands this year, gentlemen, because you sat here after President Clinton wisely vetoed your bill on April 10.''

They sat here at the scene of these alleged scissors murders. They sat here through April; they sat here through May; they sat here through June; they sat here through July; they sat here through August doing little or nothing as these supposed thousands of murders took place. They sat here until election eve because they were not concerned about these procedures; you were concerned about gaining political advantage with the millions of Americans who are genuinely concerned about the question of abortion.

And, of course, my colleagues and their Republican antichoice militants, they have a broader pledge. Their pledge is to end every abortion, even when it results from rape, even when it results from incest. By golly, in Texas they even went a little further. They said even when a teenage father who will not marry the mother objects, there is not going to be any abortion. And this is the first step, not the last step, in addressing that agenda that mandates motherhood, whether the mother wants to or not.

This same crowd will then come to this Congress and begin talking about scissor murders which are not occurring in America today; this same crowd will be here then telling the American people what kind of birth control, if any, they can use. Today is the first time that American women, facing a troubling health decision, are told: Do not ask your doctor; ask your Congressman.

We are not going to follow that troubled path. It is time to stop meddling in the personal lives, in the most personal decision that American people face, that American women face.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER].

(Mr. VOLKMER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to strongly urge Members to vote to override the President's veto on this legislation.

This legislation is much-needed if we are going to save the thousands of children who are killed unnecessarily each year by this procedure.

There is a provision in this bill that exempts those procedures where it is necessary in order to save the life of the mother. So all other procedures not necessary to save the life of the mother are just for the purpose of killing a baby, because the mother feels, or the doctor feels, that it is not appropriate to have this baby at this time.

It is a procedure that I feel, the scissors issues and the procedure is when this baby is at the moment of being born, taking its first breath and ready to live a life just like all of us, and then a moment comes where the doctor kills the baby, sucks it out and takes it out, and that is the end of it.

I say, let us vote to override the President's veto.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Texas [Mr. EDWARDS].

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, when this bill first came to the House floor, my wife was 8 months pregnant with our very first child. We were soon blessed to have a healthy baby who turned 9 months old yesterday. Our son is love of my wife's life and my life. He is the fulfillment of our hopes and dreams and prayers.

Yesterday, I met another little child named Nicholas Stella. Because Nicholas was born within 8 days of our own child, I could understand the joy of his mother as he playfully strode across my office floor.

Had this bill been law 2 years ago, Nicholas might not be alive today. As a new father, that is all the reason I need to vote to sustain this bill's veto.

This bill is not about saving baby's lives; it is about politics in an election year. This bill risks the fertility and health of women in order to make a political statement in a 30-second TV ad or 8-second sound bite.

What most citizens are not being told in America is that this bill will not outlaw late-term abortions; rather, it prohibits only one procedure that many physicians believe is needed to protect the health and fertility of a pregnant woman in tragic cases where her fetus has no chance of survival.

All other late-term abortion procedures under this bill would be perfectly

legal, even if those procedures pose a greater threat to a woman's health or fertility.

For anyone, for anyone here or elsewhere to suggest that I as a new father or anyone else in this House would want to allow the abortion of a healthy baby just moments before normal childbirth is ludicrous, it is deceptive, and it is totally dishonest.

Mr. DORNAN. And it happens.

Mr. EDWARDS. It does not happen.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from Texas has the time.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Regular order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would ask the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] to please be seated. The Chair would ask the gentleman from California to abide by the rules of the House. The gentleman from Texas [Mr. EDWARDS] has the time.

Mr. DORNAN. I will, Mr. Speaker, but it happens. It happens.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Regular order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would ask the gentleman from California to abide by the rules of the House. The gentleman from Texas [Mr. EDWARDS] has the time.

Mr. DORNAN. I will, Mr. Speaker, but it happens.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would ask all Members to abide by the rules. The gentleman from Texas has the time.

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, if that happens anywhere at any time, if these Members of the House, including the one that just spoke, would work with us to pass a bill, we could put into law in the next few weeks, we could stop it from happening.

But for anyone to suggest, as they have in fliers and ads, that we want to allow the abortion of a healthy baby just moments before childbirth is, as I said before and say again, totally dishonest and disgusting.

I helped pass a bill that outlawed not one late-term-abortion procedure in Texas; we outlawed all late-term-abortion procedures in Texas. But in that bill that is now law in Texas we did what this bill should do. We said if the life or the health or the fertility of a woman is at risk, that moral and medical decisions should be made by a woman, her family and her doctor, and not by politicians and not by the government.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the Members of this House to support the veto of this ill-fated, ill-designed legislation.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN].

(Mr. DORNAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill and against infanticide and I will do a 1 hour special order tonight continuing the debate. I say to my colleagues, please join me tonight.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Utah [Ms. GREENE].

Ms. GREENE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I first learned about the partial-birth-abortion practice about a year-and-a-half ago when I was pregnant with my daughter. At that time, I was asked to be a part of the original cosponsors of that bill and, frankly, I did not want to be involved.

At that point, I felt that if, as a pregnant women, I stepped forward to engage in this debate, that the abortion supporters would pillory me as the poster child of the right. I did not want to tarnish the excitement and the joy of my pregnancy with this gruesome debate.

But, Mr. Speaker, I had to change my mind after I read this. It is the Medical Journal article prepared by the doctor who pioneered this so-called practice, this so-called procedure. I read it through. I tried to forget what I had read. It haunted me for 2 weeks. I daily thought about what I had read here about a procedure that is, in fact, infanticide. And I decided that I had to step forward.

Mr. Speaker, this so-called procedure has been defended as an emergency procedure when, in fact, this procedure takes 3 days to complete because the practitioner has to induce labor for 2 days before the person who is receiving the abortion can go in to partially deliver the child.

It has been defended as being painless for the fetus, and yet anesthesiologists say, if they are using anesthetics for the mother appropriately, quote, ''Then it has little or no effect on the fetus. From a clinical point of view, you cannot depend on the fetus being asleep.'' That from the president of the Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology.

Mr. Speaker, we have provided an exception where the life of the mother is at stake. This gruesome horrific practice is opposed by the American Medical Association legislative counsel. It has been opposed by C. Everett Koop, our former Surgeon General, who says he believes the President has been misled as to the medical facts behind this so-called procedure.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the highest calling of this body is to protect the rights and interests of those who are too weak to protect themselves. Protect these children. Vote to override the President's veto and establish some civilized approach to a heinous practice that should not be allowed to continue in our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, today I will vote in favor of overriding President Clinton's veto of H.R. 1833, a bill to eliminate an abortion procedure commonly called a partial-birth abortion. I believe it is important for my colleagues to read a paper prepared by Dr. W. Martin Haskell describing the partial-birth abortion procedure, and to read an interview with Dr. Haskell in the Cincinnati Medicine. I would like to insert the interview and paper into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[From Cincinnati Medicine, Fall 1993]

SECOND TRIMESTER ABORTION

AN INTERVIEW WITH W. MARTIN HASKELL, MD

Last summer, American Medical News ran a story on abortion specialists. Included was W. Martin Haskell, MD, a Cincinnati physician who introduced the D&X procedure for second trimester abortions. The Academy received several calls requesting information about D&X. The following interview provides an overview.

Q. What motivated you to become an abortion specialist?

A: I stumbled into it by accident. I did an internship in anesthesia. I worked for a year in general practice in Alabama. I did two years in general surgery, then switched into family practice to get board certified. My intentions at that time were to go into emergency medicine. I enjoyed surgery, but I realized there was an abundance of really good surgeons here in Cincinnati. I didn't feel I'd make much of a contribution. I'd be just another good surgeon. While I was in family practice, I got a parttime job in the Women's Center. Over the course of several months. I recognized things there could be run a lot better, with a much more professional level of service—not necessarily in terms of medical care—in terms of counseling, the physical facility, patient flow, and in the quality of people who provided support services. The typical abortion patient spends less than ten minutes with the physician who performs the surgery. Yet, that patient might be in the facility for three hours. When I talked to other physicians whose patients were referred here, I saw problems that could be easily corrected. I realized there was an opportunity to improve overall quality of care, and make a contribution. I own the center now.

Q: Back in 1979 when you were making these decisions, did you consider yourself pro-choice?

A: I've never been an activist. I've always felt that no matter what the issue, you prove your convictions by your hard work—not by yelling and screaming.

Q: Have there been threats against you?

A: Not directly. Pro-life activist Randall Terry recently said to me that he was going to do everything within his power to have me tried like a Nazi war criminal.

Q: A recent American Medical News article stated that the medical community hadn't really established a point of fetal viability. Why not?

A: Probably because it can't be established with uniform certainty. Biological systems are highly variable. The generally accepted point of level viability is around 24–26 weeks. But you can't take a given point in fetal development and apply that 100 percent of the time. It just doesn't happen that way. If you look at premature deliveries and survival percentages at different weeks of gestation, you'll get 24-week fetuses with some survival rate. The fact that you get some survivors demonstrates the difficulty in defining a point.

Q: Most women who get abortions end pregnancies during the first trimester. Who is the typical second-trimester patient?

A: I don't know that there is a typical second-trimester abortion. But if you look at the spectrum of abortions (most women are between the ages of 19 and 29) they tend to be younger. Some are older. The typical thing that happens with older women is that they never realize they were pregnant because they were continuing to bleed during the pregnancy. The other thing we see with older women is fetal malformations or Down's

Syndrome. These are being diagnosed much earlier now than they used to be. We're seeing a lot of genetic diagnoses with ultrasound and amniocentesis at 17–18 weeks instead of 22–24 weeks. With the teenagers, anybody who has ever worked with or had teenagers can appreciate how unpredictable they can be at times. They have adult bodies, but a lot of times they don't have adult minds. So their reaction to problems tends to get much more emotional than an adult's might be. It's a question of maturity. So even though they may have been educated about all kinds of issues in reproductive health, when a teenager becomes pregnant, depending up on her relationship with her family, the amount of peer support she has—every one is a highly-individual case—sometimes they delay until they can no longer contain their problem and it finally comes out. Sometimes it's money: It takes them a while to get the money. Sometimes its just denial.

Q: Do you think more information on abstinence and contraceptives would decrease the number of teenage pregnancies?

A: I grew up in the sixties and nobody talked about contraception with teenagers in the sixties. But today, though it may be controversial in some areas, there's a lot being taught about reproductive health in the high school curricula. I think a lot more is being done, but the bottom line is we're all still just human—with human emotions, and particularly with teenagers, a sense of invulnerability; it can't happen to me. So education helps a lot, but it's not going to eliminate the problem. You can teach a person the skills, but you can't make them use them.

Q. Does it bother you that a second trimester fetus so closely resembles a baby?

A: I really don't think about it. I don't have a problem with believing the fetus is a fertilized egg. Sure it becomes more physically developed but it lacks emotional development. It doesn't have the mental capacity for self-awareness. It's never been an ethical dilemma for me. For people for whom that is an ethical dilemma, this certainly wouldn't be a field they'd want to go into. Many of our patients have ethical dilemmas about abortion. I don't feel it's my role as a physician to tell her she should not have an abortion because of her ethical feelings. As individuals grow and mature, learn more, feel more, experience more, their perspective about themselves and life, morality and ethics change. Facing the situation of abortion is a part of that passage through life for some women—how they resolve that is their decision. I can be their advisor much as a lawyer can be; he can tell you your options, but he can't make you file a suit or tell you not to file a suit. My role is to provide a service and, to a limited degree, help women understand themselves when they make their decision. I'm not to tell them what's right or wrong.

Q. Do your patients ever reconsider?

A. Between our two centers, that happens maybe once a week. There's a patient who changes her mind or becomes truly ambivalent and goes home to reconsider, then might come back a week or two later. I feel that's one of the strengths of how we approach things here. We try not to create pressure to have an abortion. Our view has always been that there are enough women who want abortions that we don't have to coerce anyone to have one. We've always been strongly against pressure on our patients to go ahead with an abortion.

Q. How expensive is a second trimester abortion?

A: Fees range from $1,200–$1,600 depending on length of pregnancy. More insurance companies cover abortion that don't cover it. About 15 percent of our patients won't use insurance because they want to maintain privacy. About 10–20 percent use insurance. The rest pay out of pocket.

Q. What led you to develop D & X?

A: D & E's, the procedure typically used for later abortions, have always been somewhat problematic because of the toughness and development of the fetal tissues. Most physicians do terminations after 20 weeks by saline infusion or prosteglandin induction, which terminates the fetus and allows tissue to soften. Here in Cincinnati, I never really explored it, but I didn't think I had that option. There certainly weren't hospitals willing to allow inductions past 18 weeks—even Jewish, when they did abortions, their limit was 18 weeks. I don't know about University. What I saw here in my practice, because we did D & Es, was that we had patients who needed terminations at a later date. So we learned the skills. The later we did them, the more we saw patients who needed them still later. But I just kept doing D & Es because that was what I was comfortable with, up until 24 weeks. But they were very tough. Sometimes it was a 45-minute operation. I noticed that some of the later D & Es were very, very easy. So I asked myself why can't they all happen this way. You see the easy ones would have a foot length presentation, you'd reach up and grab the foot of the fetus, pull the fetus down and the head would hang up and then you would collapse the head and take it out. It was easy. At first, I would reach around trying to identify a lower extremity blindly with the tip of my instrument. I'd get it right about 30–50 percent of the time. Then I said, 'Well gee, if I just put the ultrasound up there I could see it all and I wouldn't have to feel around for it.'' I did that and sure enough, I found it 99 percent of the time. Kind of serendipity.

Q. Does the fetus feel pain?

A: Neurological pain and perception of pain are not the same. Abortion stimulates fibers, but the perception of pain, the memory of pain that we fear and dread are not there. I'm not an expert, but my understanding is that fetal development is insufficient for consciousness. It's a lot like pets. We like to think they think like we do. We ascribe human-like feelings to them, but they are not capable of the same self-awareness we are. It's the same with fetuses. It's natural to project what we feel for babies to a 24-week old fetus.

THE D & X PROCEDURE

Dilation and Extraction (D & X), a method for second trimester abortion up to 26 weeks, was developed in 1992 by Cincinnati physician W. Martin Haskell, MD. It is a modification of Dismemberment and Extraction (D & E) which has been used in the US since the 1970s. Haskel has performed more than 700 D & X procedures in his office.

Step One—The patient's cervix is dilated to 9–11 mm over a period of two days using Dilapan hydroscopic dilators. The patient remains at home during the dilation period.

Step Two—In the operating room, patients are given Valium, the Dilapan are removed and the cervix is scrubbed, anesthetized and grasped with a tenaculum. Membranes are ruptured.

Step Three—The surgical assistant scans the fetus with ultrasound, locating the lower extremities.

Step Four—Using a large forcep, the surgeon opens and closes its jaws to firmly grasp a lower extremity. The surgeon turns the fetus if necessary and pulls the extremity into the vagina.

Step Five—The surgeon uses his fingers to deliver the opposite lower extremity, then the torso, shoulders, and upper extremities.

Step Six—The skull lodges at the intemal cervical os. Usually there is not enough dilation for it to pass through. The fetus is spine up.

Step Seven—A right-handed surgeon slides the fingers of his left hand along the back of the fetus and hooks the shoulders of the fetus with the index and ring fingers (palm down). He slides the tip of his middle finger along the spine towards the skull while applying traction to the shoulder and lower extremities. The middle finger lifts and pushes the anterior cervical lip out of the way.

Step Eight—While maintaining this tension, the surgeon takes a pair of blunt curved scissors in the right hand. He advances the tip, curved down, along the spine and under his middle finger until he feels it contact the base of the skull under the tip of his middle finger. The surgeon forces the scissors into the base of the skull and spreads the scissors to enlarge the opening.

Step Nine—The surgeon removes the scissors and introduces a suction catheter into this hole and evacuates the skull contents.

Step Ten—With the catheter still in place, he applies traction to the fetus, removing it completely from the patient, then removes the placenta.

DILATION AND EXTRACTION FOR LATE SECOND TRIMESTER ABORTION

(By Martin Haskell, M.D.)

INTRODUCTION

The surgical method described in this paper differs from classic D&E in that it does not rely upon dismemberment to remove the fetus. Nor are inductions or infusions used to expel the intact fetus.

Rather, the surgeon grasps and removes a nearly intact fetus through an adequately dilated cervix. The author has coined the term Dilation and Extraction or D&X to distinguish it from dismemberment-type D&E's.

This procedure can be performed in a properly equipped physician's office under local anesthesia. It can be used successfully in patients 20–26 weeks in pregnancy.

The author has performed over 700 of these procedures with a low rate of complications.

BACKGROUND

D&E evolved as an alternative to induction or instillation methods for second trimester abortion in the mid 1970's. This happened in part because of lack of hospital facilities allowing second trimester abortions in some geographic areas, in part because surgeons needed a ''right now'' solution to complete suction abortions inadvertently started in the second trimester and in part to provide a means of early second trimester abortion to avoid necessary delays for instillation methods.[1] The North Carolina Conference in 1978 established D&E as the preferred method for early second trimester abortions in the U.S.[2, 3, 4]

Classic D&E is accomplished by dismembering the fetus inside the uterus with instruments and removing the pieces through an adequately dilated cervix.[5]

However, most surgeons find dismemberment at twenty weeks and beyond to be difficult due to the toughness of fetal tissues at this stage of development. Consequently, most late second trimester abortions are performed by an induction method.[6, 7, 8]

Two techniques of late second trimester D&E's have been described at previous NAF meetings. The first relies on sterile urea intra-amniotic infusion to cause fetal demise and lysis (or softening) of fetal tissues prior to surgery.[9]

The second technique is to rupture the membranes 24 hours prior to surgery and cut the umbilical cord. Fetal death and ensuing autolysis soften the tissues. There are attendant risks of infection with this method.

Footnotes are at the end of article.

In summary, approaches to late second trimester D&E's rely upon some means to induce early fetal demise to soften the fetal tissues making dismemberment easier.

PATIENT SELECTION

The author routinely performs this procedure on all patients 20 through 24 weeks LMP with certain exceptions. The author performs the procedure on selected patients 25 through 26 weeks LMP.

The author refers for induction patients falling into the following categories:

Previous C-section over 22 weeks.

Obese patients (more than 20 pounds over large frame ideal weight).

Twin pregnancy over 21 weeks.

Patients 26 weeks and over.

DESCRIPTION OF DILATION AND EXTRACTION METHOD

Dilation and extraction takes place over three days. In a nutshell, D&X can be described as follows:

Dilation
MORE DILATION
Real-time ultrasound visualization
Version (as needed)
Intact extraction
Fetal skull decompression
Removal
Clean-up
Recovery

Day 1—Dilation

The patient is evaluated with an ultrasound, hemoglobin and Rh. Hadlock scales are used to interpret all ultrasound measurements.

In the operating room, the cervix is prepped, anesthesized and dilated to 9–11mm. Five, six or seven large Dilapan hydroscopic dilators are placed in the cervix. The patient goes home or to a motel overnight.

Day 2—More Dilation

The patient returns to the operating room where the previous day's Dilapan are removed. The cervix is scrubbed and anesthesized. Between 15 and 25 Dilapan are placed in the cervical canal. The patient returns home or to a motel overnight.

Day 3—The Operation

The patient returns to the operating room where the previous day's Dilapan are removed. The surgical assistant administers 10 IU Pitocin intramuscularly. The cervix is scrubbed, anesthesized and grasped with a tenaculum. The membranes are ruptured, if they are not already.

The surgical assistant places an ultrasound probe on the patient's abdomen and scans the fetus, locating the lower extremities. This scan provides the surgeon information about the orientation of the fetus and approximate location of the lower extremities. The tranducer is then held in position over the lower extremities.

The surgeon introduces a large grasping forcep, such as a Bierer or Hern, through the vaginal and cervical canals into the corpus of the uterus. Based upon his knowledge of fetal orientation, he moves the tip of the instrument carefully towards the fetal lower extremities. When the instrument appears on the sonogram screen, the surgeon is able to open and close its jaws to firmly and reliably grasp a lower extremity. The surgeon then applies firm traction to the instrument causing a version of the fetus (if necessary) and pulls the extremity into the vagina.

By observing the movement of the lower extremity and version of the fetus on the ultrasound screen, the surgeon is assured that his instrument has not inappropriately grasped a maternal structure.

With a lower extremity in the vagina, the surgeon uses his fingers to deliver the opposite lower extremity, then the torso, the shoulders and the upper extremities.

The skull lodges at the internal cervical os. Usually there is not enough dilation for it to pass through. The fetus is oriented dorsum or spine up.

At this point, the right-handed surgeon slides the fingers of the left hand along the back of the fetus and ''hooks'' the shoulders of the fetus with the index and ring fingers (palm down). Next he slides the tip of the middle finger along the spine towards the skull while applying traction to the shoulders and lower extremities. The middle finger lifts and pushes the anterior cervical lip out of the way.

While maintaining this tension, lifting the cervix and applying traction to the shoulders with the fingers of the left hand, the surgeon takes a pair of blunt curved Metzenbaum scissors in the right hand. He carefully advances the tip, curved down, along the spine and under his middle finger until he feels it contact the base of the skull under the tip of his middle finger.

Reassessing proper placement of the closed scissors tip and safe elevation of the cervix, the surgeon then forces the scissors into the base of the skull or into the foramen magnum. Having safely entered the skull, he spreads the scissors to enlarge the opening.

The surgeon removes the scissors and introduces a suction catheter into this hole and evacuates the skull contents. With the catheter still in place, he applies traction to the fetus, removing it completely from the patient.

The surgeon finally removes the placenta with forceps and scrapes the uterine walls with a large Evans and a 14 mm suction curette. The procedure ends.

Recovery

Patients are observed a minimum of 2 hours following surgery. A pad check and vital signs are performed every 30 minutes. Patients with minimal bleeding after 30 minutes are encouraged to walk about the building or outside between checks.

Intravenous fluids, pitocin and antibiotics are available for the exceptional times they are needed.

ANESTHESIA

Lidocaine 1% with epinephrine administered intra-cervically is the standard anesthesia. Nitrous-oxide/oxygen analgesia is administered nasally as an adjunct. For the Dilapan insert and Dilapan change, 12cc's is used in 3 equidistant locations around the cervix. For the surgery, 24cc's is used at 6 equidistant spots.

Carbocaine 1% is substituted for lidocaine for patients who expressed lidocaine sensitivity.

MEDICATIONS

All patients not allergic to tetracycline analogues receive doxycycline 200 mgm by mouth daily for 3 days beginning Day 1.

Patients with any history of gonorrhea, chlamydia or pelvic inflammatory disease receive additional doxycycline, 100 mgm by mouth twice daily for six additional days.

Patients allergic to tetracyclines are not given proplylactic antibiotics.

Ergotrate 0.2 mgm by mouth four times daily for three days is dispensed to each patient.

Pitocin 10 IU intramuscularly is administered upon removal of the Dilapan on Day 3.

Rhogam intramuscularly is provided to all Rh negative patients on Day 3.

Ibuprofen orally is provided liberally at a rate of 100 mgm per hour from Day 1 onward.

Patients with severe cramps with Dilapan dilation are provided Phenergan 25 mgm suppositories rectally every 4 hours as needed.

Rare patients require Synalogos DC in order to sleep during Dilapan dilation.

Patients with a hemoglobin less than 10 g/dl prior to surgery receive packed red blood cell transfusions.

FOLLOW-UP

All patients are given a 24 hour physician's number to call in case of a problem or concern.

At least three attempts to contact each patient by phone one week after surgery are made by the office staff.

All patients are asked to return for check-up three weeks following their surgery.

THIRD TRIMESTER

The author is aware of one other surgeon who uses a conceptually similar technique. He adds additional changes of Dilapan and/or lamineria in the 48 hour dilation period. Coupled with other refinements and a slower operating time, he performs these procedures up to 32 weeks or more.[10]

SUMMARY

In conclusion, Dilation and Extraction is an alternative method for achieving late second trimester abortions to 26 weeks. It can be used in the third trimester.

Among its advantages are that it is a quick, surgical outpatient method that can be performed on a scheduled basis under local anesthesia.

Among its disadvantages are that it requires a high degree of surgical skill, and may not be appropriate for a few patients.

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Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from California [Ms. LOFGREN], a member of the committee.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, this vote today regrettably has more to do with politics than it has to do with medicine or what families need. We know that the 30-second ads are running throughout the country—the hit pieces and mailers are going forward. It is a political issue for this Congress, but it is a real life issue for families that need this procedure.

I saw Viki Wilson, my friend, yesterday. I was friends with her mother-in-law, Suzy, for 20 years, and I remember April 8, 1994 when they lost their daughter, Abigail.

Abigail was a much-wanted child. They had two baby showers for her. The nursery was garnished with pink ribbons, but they found out in the eighth month that Abigail's brain had formed outside of the cranium and there was no way that Abigail could survive.

They sought medical help to see whether some medical procedure could

be done to cure the defect in Abigail. They wanted her to live. But instead, their doctor advised that this procedure should be used so that Viki's uterus would not burst, so that they might have an opportunity to have another child, which they wanted to do.

I remember the tears and the prayers of the friends of the Wilson family at that time. They needed friendship. They needed the Lord's help and guidance. They did not need the Congress of the United States to be involved in political wedge issues.

This is about politics. Although I disagree with the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, I do respect him. He has announced publicly that his goal is to have a constitutional amendment to preclude all abortions in America. I do not agree with him, but I respect his honesty in saying that.

This is the first step toward that. It is about politics, and I hope that the American people understand that.

In closing, I got a call from my late mother's very best friend, a devout Catholic who goes to Mass every single morning, and she told me that the priest had asked her to distribute cards against this procedure and she refused to do so.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida [Mr. WELDON].

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and I rise in strong support of this veto override. And I want to address one very important issue in this debate. I remember reading the original American Medical News article back in 1993 when it came across my desk, when I was still practicing medicine, describing this procedure. And the people on the other side keep talking about these particular cases where we may, on an emotional basis, be able to justify doing such a gruesome procedure, but those doctors, Haskell and McMahon, admitted that in 85 percent of the cases these were in perfectly normal, healthy babies.

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Partially delivering the baby, arms and legs moving, putting a scissors in the back of the head and then sucking the brains out in a perfectly normal healthy baby, 58 percent of the cases. In the 15 percent of cases where there was birth defects, the majority of them were nonlethal birth defects, cleft lip, cleft palate.

What kind of a nation are we, what kind of people are we where we would allow this procedure to be done on not only a healthy baby but a baby that simply has a cleft lip and a cleft palate? Where is our soul?

Mr. Speaker, I personally believe that when the President vetoed this bill, it was the most cynical and despicable thing that he has ever done in his 4 years in the White House. I urge all my colleagues to vote in support of this veto override.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from New York [Ms. SLAUGHTER].

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, everything about this debate is heartbreaking. It is heartbreaking the misinformation that has been disseminated. The thing that hurts me most hurt me back in the days before abortion was legal for women. And that is that women have no rights or abilities to choose. They are not bright enough. They are not nurturing enough. They do not have enough sense. It is only up to men in suits and ties to tell them what is good for them and how to think.

Imagine a scene in a doctor's office where a doctor, a woman, her husband, awaiting a baby, desperately excited about it. The doctor says, I have bad news for you. Something seriously has gone wrong and we need to discuss our options. Now, they have some options. If this Congress has its ways, they will not.

I remember as I grew up, young girls, knew that their future at the point of giving birth, if there was to be a choice between their lives or the baby would die. I remember kids, when I was growing up, who had no mother. She had died in childbirth. The woman who would have been my mother-in-law died in childbirth. My husband had a very difficult time ever finding out anything about her. No one wanted to talk about her.

Before I gave birth to my first child, I worried terribly about that. I wondered, if my husband would be married again, would he marry a woman, as my father-in-law had, someone who would never discuss who I was or what I meant. Now, fewer women die in childbirth. There are options.

How in the world can we make these kinds of decisions? It is the height of hypocrisy for Congress to decide. These babies that are aborted are desperately wanted. If they were not wanted, if the woman did not want this baby, she would have had the abortion early. There would have been no question about it. After waiting this long, carrying that child, you may believe me that child is wanted. The tragedy of a woman who said she could feel life and learned later that this was only seizures because the baby's brain was outside its body, the tragedy of a woman whose fetus had no lungs and yet people on radio programs said to her, why could you not give it the chance to live. How could it live?

Can we please be sensible here and determine that American men and women really want what is best for their families. If we talk family values and family love, we have to say that families have some right to make some choices without an infallible Congress interfering.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HALL].

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, this procedure is simply wrong. A compassionate society should not promote a procedure that is gruesome and inflicts pain on the victim. We have humane methods of capital punishment, and we have humane treatment of prisoners. We even have laws to protect animals. It seems to me we should have some standards for abortion as well.

This procedure is only performed in a few places around the country. Unfortunately one of those places is in my district. A local city council in Kettering, OH, took the rare step and passed a resolution supporting the override of the President's veto. I submit that in the RECORD at this time:

CITY OF KETTERING, OH, STATEMENT OF PERSONAL INTENT SUPPORTING AN OVERRIDE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VETO OF THE PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 1995

Whereas: the partial birth abortion method has been the subject of action by both the U.S. Senate through SB 939 and the U.S. House of Representatives through HB 1833 both of which pieces of legislation amend Title 18 of the United States Code; and

Whereas: this legislation received bi-partisan support and passed by sizeable majorities; and

Whereas: President Clinton vetoed that legislation on April 10, 1996; and

Whereas: the members of Council feel that the partial birth abortion procedure should not be permitted.

Now, therefore, be it made known:

SECTION 1. The members of the Council of the City of Kettering who are present urge the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to overrride President Clinton's veto of the legislation referred to in the introductory paragraphs of this resolution.

SECTION 2. The residents of Kettering are encouraged to become informed about this issue and then to contact Senator DeWine, Senator Glenn and Representative Hall, as well as other congressional representatives, to make their opinions known.

Mayor Richard P. Hartman, Vice Mayor Marilou W. Smith, Councilmember John J. Adams, Councilmember Keith Thompson, Councilmember Raymond P. Wasky, Councilmember John J. White.

July 23, 1996.

Finally, I do not want to discuss a bill relating to abortion without saying that I also have a deep moral obligation to improving the quality of life for children after they are born. I could not sit here and honestly debate this subject with a clear conscience if I did not spend a good portion of my time working on childhood hunger and trying to help families achieve a just life.

I urge my colleagues to vote for this bill.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. CAMPBELL].

(Mr. CAMPBELL asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, some of us are called to the ministry. Some of us are called to the priesthood or the rabbinate. We are called to be Members of Congress. When we take our obligation, we swear an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States.

This bill is unconstitutional. Our highest obligation is to uphold and defend the Constitution because that is

the oath that we take. Hence, we should vote no.

Many conservative legal scholars applauded the Supreme Court's opinion in 1995, United States versus Lopez; so did I. In that case, the Supreme Court struck down the attempt by Congress to restrict the possession of handguns in schools. Not because it was a bad idea; I happen to think it is a great idea to restrict handguns in schools. But because it was beyond the ability of Congress; because it had nothing to do with interstate commerce. The Supreme Court said:

The Constitution mandates * * * withholding from Congress a plenary police power that would authorize enactment of every type of legislation.

The Supreme Court ruled that, in order for the Federal Government to have authority, the subject matter of the bill there had to be control over a means of interstate commerce, or interstate commerce itself, or something which had a substantial effect upon interstate commerce. None of those premises was present in that instance.

The Supreme Court then gave examples of the kinds of things that the Federal Government constitutionally could not regulate. The examples they gave were ''family law,'' ''marriage,'' ''divorce,'' ''child custody,'' ''criminal law enforcement,'' ''child rearing.'' I am quoting each of those phrases from the Supreme Court opinion.

What we have today is an attempt to regulate beyond the ability of Congress to regulate. Conservatives, who are so careful to protect the rights of the individual States against the intrusion of the Federal Government, should listen to the words of James Madison in the Federalist No. 45 and agree that this is an unconstitutional act. Madison's words were, ''The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the Federal Government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite.''

Please obey your oath of office. Do not allow this unconstitutional law to become law.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would point out to the gentleman from California that the language of the bill specifically provides that any physician who in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce knowingly performs a partial birth abortion. The provisions of the bill, specifically, only govern those circumstances in or affecting interstate commerce.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. INGLIS].

Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of victims of abortion walking around today, people who now realize what they did. In fact, it is almost in all of our families, somebody had an abortion that now they know what it was.

I cannot believe the Orwellian language on this floor today, that Members actually defend this procedure. The gentlewoman from Texas in the back of the Chamber said earlier, this is only about life of the mother. It is not. The guy who does this says that 80 percent of his cases are solely for convenience. So why did she say that? Why did the gentleman from Texas say things like, this is only about life? Why did the gentleman from California say it is about interstate commerce?

Let me tell my colleagues what this is about: This is about a procedure where an abortionist delivers all but the head of a child. It does not deal with interstate commerce. That is not the essence of this. It is about sucking the brains of the child out. That is amazing that we would rely on that.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I include for the RECORD letters from the American Nurses Association, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the American Medical Women's Association.

AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION,
Washington, DC, July 30, 1996.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: As the Congress prepares to reconsider vetoed legislation which would prohibit health care providers from performing a certain type of late-term abortions, I am writing to commend you for your veto of H.R. 1833 and to reiterate the opposition of the American Nurses Association to this legislation.

It is the view of the American Nurses Association that this proposal would involve an inappropriate intrusion of the federal government into a therapeutic decision that should be left in the hands of a pregnant woman and her health care provider. ANA has long supported freedom of choice and equitable access of all women to basic health services, including services related to reproductive health. This legislation would impose a significant barrier to those principles.

Furthermore, very few of those late-term abortions are performed each year, and they are necessary either to protect the health of the mother or because of severe fetal abnormalities. It is inappropriate for Congress to mandate a course of action for a woman who is already faced with an intensely personal and difficult decision. This procedure can mean the difference between life and death for a woman.

The American Nurses Association is the only full-service professional organization representing the nation's 2.2 million Registered Nurses through its 53 constituent associations. ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the economic and general welfare of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.

The American Nurses Association respectfully urges members of Congress to uphold your veto when H.R. 1833 is considered again.

Sincerely,

GERI MARULLO, MNS, RN
Executive Director.

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS,
Albany, NY, August 1, 1996.

WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON,
The President of the United States of America, The White House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), District II, an organization representing more than 3,000 physicians practicing in New York State, does not support HR 1833, the ''Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1995.'' As an organization dedicated to improving women's health care, ACOG, District II is disturbed that Congress would take any action that would supersede the medical judgment of trained physicians and would criminalize medical procedures that may be necessary to save the life of a woman. Further, this legislation employs terminology that is not even recognized in the medical community to define what procedures doctors may or may not perform. This clearly demonstrates why Congressional opinion should never be substituted for professional medical judgment. For these reasons, ACOG, District II supports your decision to veto this legislation.

Thank you for considering our views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

JOHN G. BOYCE, MD,
Chairperson.

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS,
Burlington, MA, August 1, 1996.

WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON,
The President of the United States of America, The White House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), an organization representing more than 37,000 physicians dedicated to improving women's health care, does not support H.R. 1833, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1995. The College finds it very disturbing that Congress would take any action that would supersede the medical judgment of trained physicians and criminalize medical procedures that may be necessary to save the life of a woman. Moreover, in defining what medical procedures doctors may or may not perform, H.R. 1833 employs terminology that is not even recognized in the medical community—thus demonstrating that Congressional opinion should never be substituted for professional medical judgment. Accordingly, ACOG supports your decision to veto this legislation.

Thank you for considering our views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH K. HURD, Jr., M.D.,
Chairman, Massachusetts Section.

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS,
Harrisburg, PA, August 1, 1996.

WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON,
The President of the United States of America, The White House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: The Pennsylvania Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), an organization representing more than 1,700 physicians dedicated to improving women's health care in the state of Pennsylvania, does not support H.R. 1833, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1995.

The PA Section of ACOG finds it very disturbing that Congress would take any action that would supersede the medical judgment of trained physicians and criminalize medical procedures that may be necessary to save the life of a woman. Moreover, in defining what medical procedures doctors may or may not perform, H.R. 1833, employs terminology that is not even recognized in the

medical community—demonstrating why Congressional opinion should never be substituted for professional and medical judgment.

Accordingly, the PA Section of ACOG supports your decision to veto this legislation.

Thank you for considering our views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

OWN C. MONTGOMERY, MD,
Section Chairman.
KRISTI WASSON,
Executive Director.

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS,
Albuquerque, NM, August 2, 1996.

WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON,
The President of the United States of America, The White House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: The New Mexico section of ACOG fully supports your decision to veto H.R. 1833, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1995. We find it very disturbing that Congress would take any action that would supersede the medical judgment of trained physicians and criminalize medical procedures that may be necessary to save the life of a woman.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the New Mexico members of Congress hoping that you all will consider our views in this matter.

Respectfully,

LUIS B. CURET, M.D.,
Chairman, NM ACOG.

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS,
Lincoln, NE, August 5, 1996.

WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON,
The President of the United States of America, The White House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), an organization representing more than 37,000 physicians dedicated to improving women's health care, does not support H.R. 1833, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1995. The College finds very disturbing that Congress would take any action that would supersede the medical judgment of trained physicians and criminalize medical procedures that may be necessary to save the life of a woman. Moreover, in defining what medical procedures doctors may or may not perform, H.R. 1833 employs terminology that is not even recognized in the medical community—demonstrating why congressional opinion should never be substituted for professional medical judgment. Accordingly, ACOG supports your decision to veto this legislation.

Thank you for considering our views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH G. ROGERS, M.D.,
Chairman, Nebraska Section.

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS,
Memphis, TN, August 6, 1996.

WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON,
The President of the United States of America, The White House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I write in support of your veto of H.R. 1833. The Tennessee Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists similarly does not support any governmental action that would intervene in a Physician's ability to apply his or her best medical judgment. Similarly, we do not support any legislation which would criminalize medical procedures that may be necessary to save the life of a woman. Our particular concern is the terminology used in H.R. 1833. The term ''partial-birth abortion'' is not one which is an accepted or defined medical term. We fully support your decision to veto this legislation.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

FRANK W. LING, M.D.,
Faculty Professor and Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Tennessee College of Medicine.

AMERICAN MEDICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Alexandria, VA, July 31, 1996.

Hon. HERBERT H. KOHL,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR KOHL: On behalf of the American Medical Women's Association, a national organization representing more than 11,000 women physicians and medical students, and several of our branches, we are writing to urge your opposition to H.R. 1833, which would outlaw a particular abortion procedure—the D and E (dilation and extraction) technique, referred to as the ''partial-birth'' abortion method by those opposed to abortion. Although this bill was vetoed by President Clinton, we understand that efforts are under way to override his veto.

As physicians, we oppose any laws and court rulings that interfere with the doctor-patient relationship, either in requiring or proscribing specific medical advice to pregnant women. Further, we oppose any measures that limit access to medical care for pregnant women, particularly the poor or underserved, and measures that involve spousal or parental interference with a woman's personal decision to terminate pregnancy. This bill would not only restrict the reproductive rights of American women but also impose legal requirements for medical care decisions.

Our organization strongly oppose H.R. 1833 on several grounds. We support a woman's right to determine whether to continue or terminate her pregnancy without government restrictions placed on her physicians' medical judgment and without spousal or parental interference. This bill would subject physicians to civil action and criminal prosecution for making a particular medical decision. We do not believe that the federal government should dictate the decisions of physicians and feel that passage of H.R. 1833 would in effect prescribe the medical procedures to be used by physicians rather than allow physicians to use their medical judgment in determining the most appropriate treatment for their patients. The passage of this bill would set a dangerous precedent—undermining the ability of physicians to make medical decisions. It is medical professionals, not the President or Congress, who should determine appropriate medical options.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time, 2 minutes, to the very distinguished gentlewoman from Michigan [Ms. RIVERS].

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, this debate is not about abortion on demand in the 7th, 8th, or 9th month. Roe versus Wade and the law of the land allows for States to make that procedure illegal. So the specter of perfect babies being killed moments before they draw their first breaths is irrelevant to the discussion here today and are being used as a way to inflame the rhetoric and cloud the debate.

What we are fighting about today is whether or not we should have a specific provision in the law allowing when the mother's life or health is threatened, that this procedure be available.

We have started this debate with a picture. I wonder about some other pictures. Where is the picture of these moms who are for the most part older, married, have other children, are in the pregnancy that is desperately wanted, celebrated, with babies' rooms already decorated, tiny little clothes already purchased? Where is the picture of the agony that these families go through, cry through, pray through over the promise of a pregnancy that will never be fulfilled?

Where is the picture of the horrible second guessing, the terrible hoping against hope that some sort of miracle is going to save this baby that can never live, all the while the mother knows that her health or her ability to have another baby could very much be in jeopardy? Where is the picture of mothers like Tammi Watts who weeped when asked the question, do you have any other children? She said, well, I have one baby in heaven. That is not a woman who would cheerfully end a baby's life moments before it would draw its first breath.

Do not believe the discussion we are hearing today. Look at the pictures. Look at the facts. The debate is whether or not we will allow a woman's health to be an exemption from this law. One side says no, our side says yes. Get the real picture.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SMITH].

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SMITH] is recognized for 3 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, let us stop kidding ourselves. Partial birth abortion is child abuse. That some otherwise smart and even brilliant people have been so thoroughly fooled by the abortion industry's outrageous lies and distortions and half-truths and those surface appeal arguments is at best disappointing and unsettling.

How can anyone in this Chamber or in the White House defend sticking a pair of scissors into a partially born child's head so as to puncture the child's skull and then a suction catheter is inserted to suck out the child's brains? How can anybody defend that?

My wife Marie is a former elementary schoolteacher. This morning she said that, if a child or a student were to do that to her doll, stick the doll in the back of the head with scissors, we

would think the child needed psychological counseling and would immediately call for that kind of help. Yet the abortion President, Bill Clinton, seeks to continue legal sanction of this gruesome assault on children, with real scissors and real babies.

Finally, we are seeing what the right to choose really means executing untold thousands of children by stabbing them and sucking out their brains. I guess we now know how far the so-called prochoice movement will go to sustain the Orwellian supermyth that abortion is somehow sane, somehow compassionate, and even prochild.

Americans will now see that the real extremists are not the people who insist on calling attention to the grisly details of abortion, dismemberment of the baby's fragile body, brain-sucking abortions or chemical injections. They will see that the people who actually dismember, poison, or hold the scissors at the base of the skull, they are the dangerous people.

Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of myths that the abortion lobby has circulated about partial-birth abortion. This past Sunday in the Sunday Record (of Bergen), a proabortion newspaper in my State, again exposed the lie that there are 500 partial-birth abortions in the country each year. The proabortion lobby seeks to trivialize the issue by grossly undercounting the actual number. The article, however, points out that in one New Jersey abortion mill alone, each year 1,500 partial-birth abortions are performed.

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The Record article also points out that the indicators for most of those abortions are nonmedical in that abortion clinic. Just like Dr. Haskill, one of the pioneers in this gruesome procedure, who has said that 80 percent of those who he sees are doing it for purely elective reasons. The Sunday Record pointed out, and I quote:

Interviews with physicians who use the method reveal that in New Jersey alone at least 1,500 partial-birth abortions are performed each year, three times the supposed national rate. Moreover, doctors say that only a minuscule amount are for medical reasons.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to begin to stand up for these unborn children and these partially born children and these newly born children. This is a matter of human rights. The abortion side, the abortion lobby, has sanitized these killings, they have kept people in the dark. But, the dirty secret of the abortion rights movement is finally out: Abortion kills babies, it is child abuse and we can stop some of that abuse by overriding Bill Clinton's antichild veto.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. CANADY] to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from the further consideration of the veto message on H.R. 1833.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 288, nays 133, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 421]

YEAS—288

Allard	Dornan	Klink
Archer	Doyle	Klug
Armey	Dreier	Knollenberg
Bachus	Duncan	Kolbe
Baesler	Dunn	LaFalce
Baker (CA)	Ehlers	LaHood
Baker (LA)	Ehrlich	Largent
Baldacci	English	Latham
Ballenger	Ensign	LaTourette
Barcia	Eshoo	Laughlin
Barr	Everett	Lazio
Barrett (NE)	Ewing	Leach
Barrett (WI)	Fawell	Lewis (CA)
Bartlett	Flanagan	Lewis (KY)
Barton	Foley	Lightfoot
Bass	Forbes	Linder
Bateman	Fowler	Lipinski
Bereuter	Fox	Livingston
Bevill	Franks (NJ)	LoBiondo
Bilbray	Frisa	Lucas
Bilirakis	Funderburk	Manton
Bliley	Gallegly	Manzullo
Blute	Gekas	Martinez
Boehner	Gephardt	Martini
Bonilla	Geren	Mascara
Bonior	Gilchrest	McCollum
Bono	Gillmor	McCrery
Borski	Goodlatte	McDade
Brewster	Goodling	McHale
Browder	Gordon	McHugh
Brownback	Goss	McInnis
Bryant (TN)	Graham	McIntosh
Bunn	Greene (UT)	McKeon
Bunning	Gunderson	McNulty
Burr	Gutknecht	Metcalf
Burton	Hall (OH)	Meyers
Buyer	Hall (TX)	Mica
Callahan	Hamilton	Miller (FL)
Calvert	Hancock	Minge
Camp	Hansen	Moakley
Canady	Hastert	Molinari
Castle	Hastings (WA)	Mollohan
Chabot	Hayworth	Montgomery
Chambliss	Hefley	Moorhead
Chenoweth	Hefner	Moran
Christensen	Herger	Murtha
Chrysler	Hilleary	Myers
Clement	Hobson	Myrick
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Coble	Hoke	Nethercutt
Coburn	Holden	Neumann
Collins (GA)	Hostettler	Ney
Combest	Houghton	Norwood
Condit	Hunter	Nussle
Cooley	Hutchinson	Oberstar
Costello	Hyde	Obey
Cox	Inglis	Ortiz
Cramer	Istook	Orton
Crane	Jacobs	Oxley
Crapo	Johnson (SD)	Packard
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Cubin	Jones	Paxon
Cunningham	Kanjorski	Payne (VA)
Danner	Kaptur	Peterson (MN)
Davis	Kasich	Petri
de la Garza	Kennedy (MA)	Pombo
Deal	Kennedy (RI)	Pomeroy
DeLay	Kildee	Porter
Diaz-Balart	Kim	Portman
Dickey	King	Poshard
Dingell	Kingston	Pryce
Doolittle	Kleczka	Quillen
Quinn	Shaw	Tejeda
Radanovich	Shuster	Thomas
Rahall	Sisisky	Thornberry
Ramstad	Skeen	Tiahrt
Regula	Skelton	Traficant
Richardson	Smith (MI)	Upton
Riggs	Smith (NJ)	Visclosky
Roberts	Smith (TX)	Volkmer
Roemer	Smith (WA)	Vucanovich
Rogers	Solomon	Walker
Rohrabacher	Souder	Walsh
Ros-Lehtinen	Spence	Wamp
Roth	Spratt	Watts (OK)
Roukema	Stearns	Weldon (FL)
Royce	Stenholm	Weldon (PA)
Salmon	Stockman	Weller
Sanford	Stump	White
Saxton	Stupak	Whitfield
Scarborough	Talent	Wicker
Schaefer	Tanner	Williams
Schiff	Tate	Wolf
Seastrand	Tauzin	Young (AK)
Sensenbrenner	Taylor (MS)	Young (FL)
Shadegg	Taylor (NC)	Zeliff

NAYS—133

Abercrombie	Frank (MA)	Nadler
Ackerman	Franks (CT)	Olver
Andrews	Frelinghuysen	Owens
Becerra	Frost	Pallone
Beilenson	Gejdenson	Pastor
Bentsen	Gibbons	Payne (NJ)
Berman	Gilman	Pelosi
Bishop	Gonzalez	Pickett
Blumenauer	Green (TX)	Rangel
Boehlert	Greenwood	Reed
Boucher	Gutierrez	Rivers
Brown (CA)	Harman	Rose
Brown (FL)	Hastings (FL)	Roybal-Allard
Brown (OH)	Hilliard	Rush
Bryant (TX)	Hinchey	Sabo
Campbell	Horn	Sanders
Cardin	Hoyer	Sawyer
Chapman	Jackson (IL)	Schroeder
Clay	Jackson-Lee (TX)	Schumer
Clayton	Jefferson	Scott
Clyburn	Johnson (CT)	Serrano
Coleman	Johnson, E. B.	Shays
Collins (IL)	Kelly	Skaggs
Collins (MI)	Kennelly	Slaughter
Conyers	Lantos	Stark
Coyne	Levin	Stokes
Cummings	Lewis (GA)	Studds
DeFazio	Lofgren	Thompson
DeLauro	Lowey	Thurman
Dellums	Luther	Torkildsen
Deutsch	Maloney	Torres
Dixon	Markey	Torricelli
Doggett	Matsui	Towns
Dooley	McCarthy	Velazquez
Durbin	McDermott	Vento
Edwards	McKinney	Ward
Engel	Meehan	Waters
Evans	Meek	Watt (NC)
Farr	Menendez	Waxman
Fattah	Millender-McDonald	Wilson
Fazio	Miller (CA)	Wise
Filner	Mink	Woolsey
Flake	Morella	Wynn
Foglietta	Olver	Yates
Ford	Owens	Zimmer

NOT VOTING—12

Dicks	Ganske	Lincoln
Fields (LA)	Hayes	Longley
Fields (TX)	Heineman	Peterson (FL)
Furse	Johnston	Thornton

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The Clerk announced the following pair: On this vote:

Mr. Hayes for, with Ms. Furse against.

Mr. TORKILDSEN changed his vote from ''yea'' to ''nay.''

Ms. ESHOO and Mr. WILLIAMS changed their vote from ''nay'' to ''yea.''

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 1995—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 104–198)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. LAHOOD). The unfinished business is the further consideration of the veto message of the President of the United States on the bill (H.R. 1833) to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

The question is, Will the House, on reconsideration, pass the bill, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

The gentleman from Florida [Mr. CANADY] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER].

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the legislation under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes and 30 seconds to the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN].

Mr. COBURN. Mr. Speaker, I have thought a lot about how to best convey what my thoughts are on this subject. I stand here today, not as a member of one party or another, not as somebody who readily admits that they are pro-life. I am. But I stand here today as a doctor.

Mr. Speaker, I have spent the last 18 years of my life, including a great deal of the time of the last 2 years while I have been in this Congress, caring for women who deliver babies. I have personally been involved in over 3,000 births that I have attended. I have seen every complication and every anomaly that has been mentioned in this debate on partial-birth abortion.

I am not standing here as somebody who is pro-life, I am not standing here as somebody that is a freshman Republican. I stand here today to make known to Members that they can vote against an override for only two reasons on this bill. One is that they are totally misinformed of the true medical facts, or that they are pro-abortion at any stage, for any reason. The facts will bear that out.

That is not meant to offend anybody. If somebody feels that way, they should stand up and speak that truth. But this procedure, this procedure is designed to aid and abet the abortionist. There is no truth to the fact that this procedure protects the lives of women. There is no truth to the fact that this procedure preserves fertility. There is no truth to the fact that this procedure in fact is used on complicated, anomalous conceptions. This procedure is used to terminate mid and late second trimester pregnancies at the elective request of women who so desire it.

This has nothing to do with women's emotional health. This has to do with termination of oftentimes viable children by a gruesome and heinous procedure.

What we should hear from those who are going to vote against overriding this is that they agree, that they agree that this procedure is an adequate and expected procedure that should be used, and that it is all right to terminate the life of a 26-week fetus that otherwise the physicians would be held liable under the courts in every State to not save its life, should it be born spontaneously.

So this debate is not about health of women. This debate is about whether or not true facts are going to be discussed in this Chamber on the basis of knowledge and sound science, rather than a political endpoint that sacrifices children in this country.

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Mr. Speaker, this vote is about untruth tied to emotion. We should be willing in our country if we are going to heal our country, if we are going to repair our country, to stand and speak honestly about what this procedure is. I have the experience. There is no one else in this body that has handled all these complications. This procedure never needs to be done again in this United States.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. COBURN. If I have time, I would be happy to yield.

Mr. CONYERS. Have you performed this procedure?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The time of the gentleman from Oklahoma has expired.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. LOWEY].

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the bill and in support of the President's veto.

Mr. Speaker, I do not speak as a doctor. I speak as a woman with three beautiful grown children. And, Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues, let us be very clear that this debate is all about.

President Clinton stated very clearly that he would sign this bill if it contained a narrow exception to protect the lives and health of American women. The President does not believe that this procedure should be commonly available, he does not believe it should be available on demand, but that it must remain an option for women facing serious risk to life and death and health. In cases where a woman faces a serious health risk like kidney failure, cancer, or diabetes, the decision of how to proceed must be left to the women and the doctor, not this Congress.

So I say to my friends on the other side, let us sit down together, as we offered several times, and write a bill that we could all accept and that the President could sign. In fact, we went to the Republican leadership 3 times, asked to craft a narrow health exception to this bill. Three times we were refused. Why? Because this Republican Congress does not want to ban, it wants an issue, and that is so unfortunate. This is not about abortion. It is about politics, election-year politics, plain and simple.

Mr. Speaker, today's debate is a fitting way to end the most anti-choice Congress in history. This vote is the 52d taken in just the past 2 years to restrict the right to choose, a new record. Bob Dole and NEWT GINGRICH have spent the last 2 years trying to eliminate abortion rights completely, and American women know it.

Thankfully, President Clinton has used his veto pen to protect American women from the back alley. He has stood with American women by protecting the right to choose. He has stood with women like Claudia Ades and Coreen Costello who have had this procedure to save their lives and protect their health when they wanted pregnancy, they wanted a child, but this pregnancy went wrong. President Clinton recognizes that Congress has no place in the operating room during a crisis pregnancy.

The President, Mr. Speaker, will sign a bill if it contains a narrow exception to protect the lives and health of women like Claudia Ades and Coreen Costello. This is not too much to ask. I urge my colleagues to support the President's veto.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BARCIA].

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to share an eloquent and touching letter that I received from a constituent who lives in my hometown of Bay City, MI. It reads:

> Daniel John was diagnosed very early as being far less than perfect, according to acclaimed scientific researchers. We were counseled to abort him as our life would be much easier; he would be a difficult child to raise. However, rather than terminating Daniel's life, we ''chose'' to let God do the choosing.
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> After a very difficult pregnancy, Daniel was brought forth into this world alive. He was grossly disfigured, but he was beautiful. The pregnancy wasn't convenient, but he was worth the wait. According to some, he was expendable; to me, he was a priceless jewel.
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> Daniel lived for about four hours before leaving us. What I have today is the precious memory of holding my living, breathing son for a few short moments until he died in my arms. He wasn't a burden, he wasn't a tragedy. He was a blessing, and I loved him.

Mr. Speaker, a baby does not have a voice. I ask my colleagues who voted against H.R. 1833 to carefully and closely reconsider their position. A baby, sick or healthy, should not be thought of as an inconvenience, but as a miracle. Please vote ''yes'' to override the veto of H.R. 1833.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from

Michigan [Mr. CONYERS], the distinguished ranking member of our committee.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I say to Mr. BARCIA, my dear colleague from Michigan, nobody, no doctor would have forced you to have the procedure that is being debated today. Nobody would have recommended it to you without allowing you and your wife to make the choice. So why not let everybody else have that same privilege—that same choice—that you had?

Why is it that we as Members of Congress, have now become doctors, Mr. CANADY? Who gave us the right, for the first time in American history, to determine what procedures doctors will employ? Where do you think that inures to you as a humble Member of Congress? What medical background do you bring to this debate that is greater than the knowledge of the members of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists? By what right do you tell people they cannot have this often medically necessary procedure? If Mr. and Mrs. Barcia do not want to undergo the procedure, they don't have to do it. They can choose not to.

Now, let me turn to Dr. COBURN from Oklahoma. Dr. COBURN from Oklahoma, I am not totally misinformed. I am seeking information. I do not have a violent position on this. The fact that I am not supporting you, but instead am supporting most of the doctors in your profession, does not make me totally misinformed. Nor does it make me totally pro-abortion. Let us be fair, doctor.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Washington [Mrs. SMITH].

Mrs. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon the House will be debating a procedure called partial-birth abortion. I think we need to look at the words that are in this. Notice it said birth. This is the clue.

As a woman, I want you to understand that I would be put into labor, I would go through hours of labor, when the baby dropped and the little body started coming out, they would turn it first, take it out feet-first, which is absolutely damaging to a woman, and then right before the little head came through, they would puncture the head.

There are late-term abortions. I was actually pro-abortion for many years. I was never late-term abortion supporting. But even we that might have supported abortion and you that might support late-term abortion need to think about this. This is not for the woman. This is for the abortionist. There are other humane ways, if you believe in late-term abortion, for both the mother and the baby. But this tells us something clear, folks. We have gone a long way from abortion as a rare circumstances to abortion on demand. A long way.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Connecticut [Ms. DELAURO].

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the motion to override the veto of the late-term medical abortion ban, and I urge my colleagues to vote to sustain this veto.

Today's vote is not about abortion. It is about voting to ban a medical procedure that can save the life of a mother. It is about voting to ban a medical procedure that would allow a mother to have children.

It is about voting against the medical procedure that Vikki Stella had to have to save her life, to see her children grow up and go to school and then to give birth to her son Nicholas.

Vikki wrote to me about the pain that she went through when she and her family discovered that her son was diagnosed with nine major anomalies, including a fluid-filled cranium with no brain tissue at all, compacted, flattened vertebrae, and skeletal dysplasia in the third trimester of her pregnancy. Her doctors told here that the baby would never live outside of her womb.

She wrote:

> My options were extremely limited because I am diabetic and don't heal as well as other people. Waiting for normal labor to occur, inducing labor early, or having a C-section would have put my life at risk. The only option that would ensure that my daughters would not grow up without their mother was a highly specialized, surgical abortion procedure developed for women with similar difficult conditions. Though we were distraught over losing our son, we knew the procedure was the right option . . . and, as promised, the surgery preserved my fertility. Our darling Nicholas was born in December of 1995.

This procedure that we seek to ban today is the procedure that saved Vikki's life and preserved here family. Vikki's situation was heart wrenching. But mothers and fathers need to be able to make medical decisions like that with their doctors, not with religious organizations and not with political organizations, and certainly, and most of all, not with the Congress.

The situation that these families are in is already difficult enough. Overriding this veto will only make it worse. I call on my colleagues, I plead with my colleagues, to vote no on the motion to override the veto.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Nevada [Mrs. VUCANOVICH].

Mrs. VUCANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, we have twice voted—by an overwhelming majority—to outlaw the partial birth abortion procedure. However, this procedure is still done on a daily basis in this country because the President ill-advisedly chose to veto this bill.

It makes me shudder to think that right now somewhere in this country there are little pre-born human beings in their mother's womb who are going to be subject to this brutal procedure.

I am only one of many who find this procedure horrifying. The American Medical Association's legislative council unanimously decided that this procedure was not a recognized medical technique and that this procedure is basically repulsive.

I have also received a multitude of postcards from my constituents in Nevada. They overwhelmingly object to this repugnant procedure, especially in light of the fact that 80 percent of these types of abortion are purely elective.

Regardless of whether you are prolife or pro-choice, it is obvious given the horrible nature of this type of abortion that it must be banned.

It is inhuman to begin the birthing process and nearly complete the delivery of the baby, only to suck the life out of the child.

What does it say about us as a nation when we allow our unborn children to be legally killed in this manner? It is imperative that this stop now.

I strongly urge my colleagues to override the veto of H.R. 1833, which would ban partial birth abortions.

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Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. BECERRA], a distinguished member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me this time.

I want to ask each and every Member who is somewhat in doubt to please vote to sustain the President's veto of H.R. 1833, and let me relate it to something very personal.

My legislative director, Deirdre Martinez, right now is at the hospital. She is at the hospital because she is being induced in her delivery of her baby. She is in good hands, and I know she is in good hands because my wife happens to be her ob-gyn.

My wife, as I have mentioned in the past, is an ob-gyn, and she is a high-risk specialist. She deals with the type of issues we are discussing on the floor right now.

Deirdre is fortunate. My wife says her baby seems to be perfectly normal, good weight, and probably will be born very healthy. There are, unfortunately, too many women sometimes in this country who do not have the good fortune of Deirdre, and it is in time of need that some of these women ask doctors to help them out.

There are late-term abortions that are performed that are not pretty because—by the way, no abortion is pretty; and no woman, I suspect, can stand up here and say they like to see what may happen to that pregnancy. But there are cases where a late-term abortion must be performed. We are not talking about a healthy 8- or 9-month-old baby being extracted from the womb; we are talking about a child that will never have a chance to see the light of day because, for whatever reason, it will never become a child within the womb.

Sometimes there is a need, for the woman's health, for the woman's safety and her life, to perform an abortion,

which we may not like. And as my wife has said, this is not a procedure that is done electively. A woman does not go into a hospital in her eighth month of pregnancy and ask that that fetus be extracted. No doctor in good conscience would do that. What we are talking about is preserving for this woman the opportunity to get past a very difficult situation.

Why we would want to ban that for this woman, I do not understand. How 435 Members who do not practice the profession nor live through that experience, how they can say that this is the best thing to legislate for the entire country, I do not understand, nor does my wife, and I suspect, nor does Deirdre, who I hope will have a healthy baby by today.

What I do understand is this: That we have politicized an issue because we have waited 6 months to take up the issue. If there was so much concern on the part of those who were for this bill to get this on the move so we would protect the lives of all these so-called unborn babies, why did we not try to overturn the President's veto right away?

It is unfortunate, because we know there is an election coming up and there is a point to be made. It is unfortunate because there are a lot of women who are suffering very traumatic times as a result of having these late-term abortions performed. And the saddest part about it is that we have decided to take this issue and politicize it, when it has become a very, very emotional and private issue for that woman.

I hope all those who have been able to watch this debate will learn something from this and take away that the experience is tough for them, but they should not have to worry about the politics of this particular procedure.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. BRYANT].

(Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, my remarks are directed to the people who might be trying to decide right now whether to vote to override this veto or not. I strongly support the override of the veto.

This is not an issue of choice, of privacy, of not even medical necessity. This bill provides that we will abolish this very gruesome procedure, we have all seen pictures of it today, but it still allows the exception that if the mother's life is at issue and if there is no other procedure available, it can be done under those circumstances.

So this is not even an issue of medical necessity. This is an issue that says ''no'' to this type of terrible procedure.

We are a country, and we are debating this issue. I cannot believe we are standing here. We are a country that spends years of due process on convicted killers, murderers who commit the most heinous of crimes, and we would not dare think about executing those types of people by this gruesome procedure. Yet we are talking on this floor today about maintaining the legality of this type of terrible procedure when there are alternatives available.

I just cannot believe that. Is this an upside-down world or is it not?

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from California [Ms. WATERS], a distinguished member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

(Ms. WATERS asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of the President's veto of a misguided bill, H.R. 1833.

This bill would instruct doctors on medical procedures that politicians know little about. It would put women at risk who deserve the safest, most effective treatment available under any circumstance.

Let me share with you the words of Erica Fox from Los Angeles, a woman who was told that there was something ''seriously wrong'' with her fetus during her sixth month of pregnancy. The outcome at best was very, very poor.

When she got the news, she explains, ''I had my whole family with me, and at least 5 of them are M.D.'s. They had discussed everything with the doctors and they, too, felt there was no other option * * *.''

Her father, Dr. Walter E. Fox, shared these words.

As a doctor, I must say that it worries me greatly that those that represent me in Washington would think to take away my ability to care for my patients and their health to the best of my ability. And, as I see it, H.R. 1833 does just that.

He continues,

You are not doctors and most of you have not had a daughter or a sister or a wife or a patient who has been in this situation. But for those of us who find ourselves there, we need to have every medical advancement working for us, and the choice to use it.

''I feel that [my doctor] saved my life,'' said Erika Fox.

''And that my fetus was spared any pain * * *.

She continues,

My husband and I are now trying again. . . . There is hope that we will have a healthy baby sometime in the not to distant future. Hope is all you have left when your dreams are dashed the way ours were last October.

Don't override Clinton's veto of 1833,

She says:

Don't let the government take away our hope. . . .

I think Mrs. and Dr. Fox's words best explain why Congress must not outlaw a medical procedure. If this woman were your daughter, wife, sister—you would want as many medical options as possible, you would want the best doctor, and you would want her to be able to have children in the future. This bill would take away these options.

Let us leave this issue to people who know the facts. Let us support women, their safety, and their families. Doctors, women, and their families—not politicians—must make these decisions.

Oppose the veto override of H.R. 1833.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING].

(Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the override of the Presidential veto on H.R. 1833.

Mr. Speaker, late last year, the House of Representatives took a very moderate step toward eliminating one, specific and particularly horrible method of abortion—the partial birth abortion.

No one can reasonably justify this kind of abortion. It is grotesque. It is repulsive.

Unfortunately, the President of the United States has caved into the pressure of pro-abortion extremists and vetoed this ban of one, single, indefensible procedure. Hopefully, today, the House of Representatives, guided by the voice of moderation and common decency will see fit to override that veto.

There are those who try to argue that this procedure is necessary to protect the life of some mothers. That is not true. Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop says that partial birth abortion is unnecessary and in no way protects a woman's life.

There are those who say that this procedure is necessary to prevent the birth of children plagued with defects and deformity. As a grandfather of a disabled child, I am outraged that this argument is used to defend such a heinous practice.

Only an extremist could justify or defend partial birth abortion. I urge my colleagues to support moderation and decency, support the ban on partial birth abortions and override the President's veto.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. HALL].

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I, of course, rise to urge the override of the very ill-advised veto of the ban on partial-birth abortions.

Back, oh, earlier in the year, one of the most widely respected and politically moderate physicians I suppose ever to hold the office of Surgeon General, Dr. C. Everett Koop, criticized this practice. And as recently as August of this year, Dr. Koop granted an interview to an American Medical Association publication on this issue.

He states quite simply that he believes, ''that the President was misled by his medical advisers on what is fact and what is fiction in reference to late-term abortion,'' going on to say that ''In no way can he twist his mind to see that this late-term abortion technique is a necessity for the mother, and certainly can't be a necessity for the baby.''

So I guess we are left to ask the question, why? Why would we even consider condoning a procedure like this when no medical necessity for it can actually be shown?

No acceptable answer can be given to this question because partial-birth

abortion is completely unacceptable, unnecessary, and a cruel procedure that should not be permitted in our policy. I urge the override.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. LARGENT].

Mr. LARGENT. Mr. Speaker, in this age of high technology and medical wonders, there still are many things that are a mystery to the human mind and an awesome reminder of the work of the Creator.

We see it when longtime rivals drop their weapons and come together as friends. We see it when those struggling against oppression and adversity succeed and claim the human dignity that is theirs as children of God. And most often we see the fingerprint of the Almighty and his glorious majesty when we look into the bright eyes of our newborn son or daughter.

It defies logic and the experience of human history then to think that that which grows inside of the womb is not a part of us, not human, and not alive. Whether by technological means, pharmaceutical means, or surgical means, it is outside of our moral and ethical prerogative to snuff out that which was sown by the Creator.

The unborn child is precisely that, an unborn child, and deserves the chance to grasps as much life as Divine Providence will allow. It is up to us as legislators to uphold our sacred duty to protect the lives of the innocent.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. MALONEY].

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 52d antichoice vote taken on the floor of Congress during the 104th Congress. As one of my colleagues in the new majority has said, ''We intend to repeal choice procedure by procedure.'' And they are doing it.

This is merely another effort to antagonize and terrorize young women like Becky Bruce of Ohio. At 22 weeks, doctors determined a lethal abnormality in her fetus. She and her husband decided to seek an abortion. Much like the abortion protesters who screamed and pointed at her, frightening her at the clinic, this legislation instills the same kind of fear.

This bill is an effort to chip away at the overall law of the land. Abortion is legal and safe. We cannot begin to make exceptions now. The antichoice supporters of this bill would love to start here, today, moving from their positions as lawmakers to become personal physicians. When women seek medical care, Congress has no place in their choices and no place in their tragedies. Apparently the supporters of this bill believe that it is more important to save a doomed fetus than to save the life and the health of its mother.

Had my colleagues in the majority allowed an amendment with an appropriate exception for the life or physical health of the mother, I would have supported this bill.

There have been many distortions put before Congress today. One is that this procedure is performed all the time. This procedure is performed rarely and only to save the life, health, and the ability to have children, of women. I urge a ''no'' vote.

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Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. MORAN].

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I am very hesitant to speak on this issue. For one thing, I have been associated with the pro-choice side throughout my legislative career, and I do believe that when the issue of abortion is concerned, it really ought not be a legislative issue; it ought to be a personal decision determined by a woman with the advice of her physician, within the context of her religion and family. I do not believe that this issue falls within that rubric, within that context of decisionmaking.

I do agree with the Roe versus Wade decision which attempted to apply our human values, human judgment, to an issue on which none of us can ever be sure: at which point human life begins. And so we decided in Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decided that in the first 3 months, the woman should be fully free to exercise her judgment; and in the second trimester, the democratic process through State legislatures should apply restrictions; and in the third trimester, we should try to make it as difficult as possible.

What we are talking about now, though, goes beyond that third trimester. We are talking about the delivery of a fetus clearly in the shape and with the functions of a human being. And when that human being is delivered in the birth canal, it cannot be masked as anything but a human being.

We should not act in any legislative way that sanctions the termination of that life. And that is why I urge my colleagues to vote to override the President's veto of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I wish that the prochoice groups, when they saw this issue, would have simply agreed, said, ''You are right. We are not going to get involved in this because there are extremes on every one of these issues.'' This is an extreme that we ought not support.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, could the chair please tell us what the time difference is?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from Florida [Mr. CANADY] has 17 minutes remaining, and the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] has 14 minutes remaining.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, would the gentleman from Florida prefer to use more of his time so it is more even?

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would inform the gentlewoman that I only have about two or three remaining speakers, so I would reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. WATT], a member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Colorado for yielding time. I rise in support of sustaining the veto of the President on this bill.

Mr. Speaker there is a tendency on the part of some of my colleagues to try to divide folks into groups, based on their vote on this issue, of whether they support life or do not support life. I respectfully submit that no Member of this body supports death over life; that there are always difficult choices on a number of these votes.

But we heard evidence submitted at hearings in the Committee on the Judiciary that indicated and confirmed that serious medical jeopardy can result to women, and that in some cases this procedure is the only procedure that is available in late-term abortion to save the life of the mother, to preserve the ability of the mother to have children in the future, to protect the health of a prospective mother in those situations.

And when that occurs, to put the doctor and that mother in the position of saying, ''You will be a criminal if you exercise your right to protect yourself from serious health conditions, or to protect your reproductive capacity in the future, or protect even your life,'' I think is irresponsible.

This is not, as some folks would suggest, an easy decision. It is always a difficult decision. And the very people who are always talking about keeping the Government out of our personal lives it seems to me are the ones that are on the opposite side of this issue, because I do want the Government to leave some personal decisions to the individual American women and citizens of this country. And one of those decisions is when it is proper to save one's own life to, save the ability to have children in the future. That ought to be a personal decision made by the woman and her physician.

I want to make one final point that suggests, in the closing days of this Congress, that this is really not about this bill at all; it is really about politics.

The President vetoed this bill quite some time ago. It has been sitting over there in the Committee on the Judiciary, waiting. Well, what has it been waiting for? It could have come out in 2 days to have this vote. It could have come out in 2 weeks to have this vote. But it just sat there.

Mr. Speaker, when does it come out? Right before the election, so that somebody can inject the politics of the moment into a serious public policy discussion. This is about politics, my colleagues. It is about choice of a woman to protect her own health and

safety and her own life. It is about keeping the Government out of our own personal lives, and I think we ought to sustain the President's veto on this bill.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. CHABOT].

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, we cast hundreds of votes in this body every year. Very rarely do we vote on an issue as important as this one.

I hope that my colleagues will do the right thing today and overwhelmingly vote to override the President's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. We have debated this issue for quite some time now. We have listened to the experts, and Americans from all across this Nation, both prolife and prochoice, have spoken out against this particularly gruesome procedure. I have had people who are prochoice call my office and agree that there is no place for a procedure that is as barbaric, as gruesome as this in a civilized society.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot urge my colleagues in strong enough terms to do the right thing: Vote to override the President's veto.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. MCINNIS].

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, this is the most barbaric procedure I have ever come across. There is never, ever, ever a reason that makes this necessary.

The previous speaker says we are attempting to divide. We are attempting to protect.

This body today, Republicans and Democrats, will vote overwhelmingly to ban this procedure. Let me quote from the Wall Street Journal, Nancy Romer, today in an article, Partial-birth Abortion Is Bad Medicine:

> Consider the dangers inherent in partial-birth abortion, which usually occurs after the fifth month of pregnancy. A woman's cervix is forcibly dilated over several days, which risks creating an ''incompetent cervix,'' the leading cause of premature deliveries. It is also an invitation to infection, a major cause of infertility. The abortionist then reaches into the womb to pull the child feet first out of the mother, but leaves the head inside. Under normal circumstances, physicians avoid breech births whenever possible; in this case the doctor intentionally causes one—and risks tearing the uterus in the process.
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> He then forces scissors through the base of the baby's scull, which remains lodged just within the birth canal. This is a partially ''blind'' procedure, done by feel, risking direct scissor injury to the uterus and laceration of the cervix or lower uterine segment, resulting in immediate and massive bleeding and the threat of shock or even death to the mother. None of this risk is ever necessary for any reason.

This is never, ever necessary, and I urge a ''yes'' vote to override the President's veto.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. The Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from California [Ms. WOOLSEY].

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, this veto override is a cruel attempt to make a political point. Make no mistake about it, this debate, with all the emotional rhetoric and exaggerated testimony on the other side of the aisle, is a frontal attack on Roe versus Wade, plain and simple.

The Gingrich majority wants to do away with Roe, the radical right wants to do away with Roe, and H.R. 1833 is the first step. So let us be honest about what this veto override is really about.

This bill, which the President courageously vetoed, will outlaw a medical procedure which is rarely used but sometimes required in extreme and tragic cases when the life or the future fertility of the mother is in danger or when a fetus is so malformed that it has no chance of survival.

Like when the fetus has no brain or the fetus is missing organs. Or the spine has grown outside of the body. When the fetus has zero chance of life.

When women are forced to carry a malformed fetus to term, there is danger of chronic hemorrhaging, danger of permanent infertility or death.

Let me read a brief list of organizations that oppose H.R. 1833: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; the American Public Health Association; the American Nurses Association; the American Medical Women's Association. The list goes on and on.

These medical professionals oppose this bill because they know that H.R. 1833 will cost women their lives or their reproductive health.

Mr. Speaker, the Gingrich majority has proven time and again its resolve to make Roe versus Wade ring hollow for most American women. Do not let this happen. Protect women's lives and women's health. Protect a woman's right to decide with her doctor what is the best medical procedure during very tragic times. Vote ''no'' on the veto override. But if you cannot vote ''no,'' just vote ''present.''

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, we only have one remaining speaker, and I want to be sure the gentleman from Florida only has one remaining speaker, because they have double the time. Does the gentleman from Florida only have one remaining speaker?

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have one remaining speaker, as I indicated earlier. I reserve the balance of my time for closing.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] is recognized for 7½ minutes.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I must say in the time crunch, I felt terrible in having to cut off the distinguished gentlewoman from California who is a member of the committee. I really want her to stand up and finish what she was talking about. The gentlewoman from California [Ms. LOFGREN] was talking about her mother's best friend and her mother's best friend who was Catholic, going to church and being asked to organize on this issue.

I yield to the gentlewoman from California [Ms. LOFGREN] because I had to cut her off.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I did talk to the gentlewoman about my friends, the Wilsons, and the real truth, not the rhetoric, not the misinformation, and the comment is that good Catholics and good Christians do not want to hurt good mothers. If we could keep that in our minds, put aside the politics, I think we would do a far more decent job here today.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I wanted this body to hear what the gentlewoman said because that has been our position all along. We do not wish to hurt good mothers. That was the President's position. That is still our position.

I was the one who went to the Committee on Rules and went everywhere trying to get an amendment to deal with the serious health issues of a mother. Nobody wants this for vanity purposes. My skin crawls as I hear Members on this floor talking about thousands of women get these late term abortions for vanity purposes, like all women have such dark hearts they would wait to postviability and then suddenly decide, I changed my mind.

There may be some of those cases, I do not know. But I must tell you, all of us are willing to ban those cases. We are talking about the cases where women desperately want to have a family and something goes terribly wrong.

Many of my colleagues have heard about our friend here, have seen this picture before, but the real good news was after she had that procedure, look what she got. She got little Tucker. We really ought to say, this is what this is about, because this women was able to have this procedure late in her term in a very, very sad pregnancy that went very, very wrong. She was able to preserve her reproductive ability and go on to add to this happy American family.

Do we want the Congress of the United States saying no to that? I certainly do not. I certainly do not. I do not think we want the Congress of the United States standing in the same room with this woman and her husband and her doctor and probably her whole family in tears but the Congress says, but if your doctor tries to help you on this, after we pass this, he goes to jail. I do not think that is the American way.

If you really believe that women are running out and having these and this is a vanity issue and is about fitting into a prom dress or something, we are willing to do that. But you would not let us have the amendment. You would not let us have a serious health amendment. And every time we say health,

you say, you mean headaches. We were talking about serious health. You know how to write it; we know how to write it. Let us not kid ourselves. That is what the President said. The President said, serious health amendment.

I find this a very sad day because I really find this is not about whether or not there are thousands of these going on and how awful this is. I think this is all about politics. The President vetoed this bill in April. Let me tell you, in early April he vetoed this bill. It has being sitting in the committee and it could have come to the floor any day thereafter. So if you really thought that this was going on, this is an epidemic, women are losing their minds and running in in late term, if you thought that, you should have stopped it right away. If you thought this was so grisly and horrible, that is when you should have done it. But no, we decided to let it wait until election eve, where we could let it bubble and burn and all of this stuff. So that we could build a huge issue and this is our 52d vote on choice. This is really an attempt to undo choice, this extreme, extreme Congress that we have.

You see the charts that are drawn over there. They are drawn and they eat at your heart and they eat at my heart because they show a perfect, beautiful child, a perfect, beautiful child like Tucker. But let me tell you, the child that came before Tucker that would have prevented Tucker from being born, had there not been this procedure, did not look like Tucker and did not look like those pretty little drawings.

These are seriously deformed children that we are talking about, very seriously deformed, or the mother has a very serious condition.

Do you know what is wrong in this debate? We have been so caught up in this choice/anti-choice debate that we have made pregnancy sound like it is a 9-month cruise and that absolutely nothing can go wrong during that 9-month cruise and the only thing that would ever happen is if they do that, the mother must be some selfish, terrible person with a dark heart. But let me tell you, my colleagues, many things can go wrong.

Do you know by statistics today 25 percent of the vaginal and caesarean births in this country have serious maternal complications, 25 percent? Do you know if a woman has a baby over the age of 40, she is nine times more apt to die in this country. There are serious safe motherhood issues. We have had Members so engaged with their pictures and charts and screaming and playing politics with women's uteruses that we have not really dealt with the safe motherhood issue.

So I find this a very sad vote to end my career on. I thank the President of the United States, who listened to those families. Those families have been in this Congress pushing their strollers around with their babies and their husbands, trying to get Members of Congress to listen. Many of them are right-to-life families who never in the world thought they would ever need this procedure. Yet their world collapsed on them, and they did not want this to be like Russian roulette. This would be like pregnancy Russian roulette. You get one shot at it and, if it does not work, you have blown your chance forever to have a baby. Is that what this Congress is trying to say?

Let me read the words of Coreen Costello. She goes on to say:

I still do not believe in abortion. I have anguished over supporting an abortion procedure. However, I have chosen to come forward, despite my beliefs, because I believe that this bill does not protect women and families.

Coreen was the mother of Tucker. This is Coreen. She never thought she would be there.

Please do not make this happen to everybody before you realize it. Do not take this right away from America's families. And please, please, please, preserve serious health conditions of mothers.

In today's debate, the picture of the American woman that will emerge from the other side is that she is a frivolous and shallow person who would lightly terminate a late-term pregnancy. The supporters of this bill would have you believe that Congress must deprive women of the right to make their own reproductive decisions, because American women and their families cannot be trusted to be responsible decisionmakers.

I have this picture of Coreen Costello and her family beside me as I speak, because I don't want any one to forget that this debate is not about political sound bites or the politics of pitting Americans against each other. This debate is about real American families and the agonizing decisions they have to make when wanted pregnancies go terribly wrong, when serious fetal anomalies or serious threats to the woman's health arise during the pregnancy.

I came to Congress 24 years ago determined to make sure that the Federal Government treats women as responsible adults who are the best decisionmakers with respect to their reproductive health. The bill before us today says that your Member of Congress is somehow better able to make decisions about your reproductive health than you are. For Congress to usurp the power of the American family in this way is not only unconstitutional, it is also an affront to our fundamental commitment to the integrity of the family, and the right that Americans have to be able to make significant medical decisions for themselves.

You may hear, during the course of this debate, allegations that some women have obtained late-term abortions for reasons other than their life or health. Remember this: the individual States as well as the Federal Government, have the power, under the Constitution and Roe versus Wade, to ban all post-viability, late-term abortions except those that are necessary to preserve the woman's life or to avoid serious health consequences to her. The President has made it clear that he would sign such a bill. But every attempt we made to amend this bill to provide an exception for life or serious health consequences was flatly rejected by the other side. Not once did the majority permit this body to vote on an exception to preserve women's health or their future fertility. Not once.

The majority has chosen to have a political campaign issue instead of having a bill that would pass constitutional muster and ban late-term abortions except when the women's life or health is at stake.

I want to show you another picture of Coreen Costello and her family. Look closely, and note that since the time that we first debated this bill, the Costellos have had joyous occasion to sit for a new family picture, because their family has changed. Baby Tucker is the newest member of this family, and his birth was made possible because Coreen Costello and her family were able to use the procedure this bill bans. Let me close with Coreen Costello's own words. She wrote me yesterday and said this about her tragic pregnancy:

My daughter's stiff and rigid body as well as her unusual contorted position in my womb gave my team of doctors deep concern for my health and well-being * * *. With their knowledge and expertise and data from extensive diagnostic testing, my medical experts believed the safest option was an intact D&E, performed by specialist Dr. James McMahon. Reluctantly, my husband and I agreed.

She goes on to say:

I still do not believe in abortion, and I have anguished over supporting an abortion procedure. However, I have chosen to come forward, despite my beliefs, as H.R. 1833 does not protect women and families like mine. President Clinton and Members of Congress asked for an amendment to allow exceptions for serious health consequences. Proponents of this extreme bill refused to allow such a vote. They do not want to believe stories like mine. My baby girl is gone. Not because of an abortion procedure, but because of a terrible disease. Please do not confuse this. It was hard enough for my husband and children to lose Katherine. I thank God they did not lose me, too.

Not a day goes by that my heart doesn't ache for my daughter. Fortunately, my pain has been eased with the joyous birth of our healthy baby boy, Tucker. This would not have been possible without this procedure. It is time for my family to put the pieces of our lives back together. Please, please, give other women and their families this chance. Let us deal with our personal tragedies without any unnecessary interference from our government. Leave us with our God, our families, and our trusted medical experts. Sincerely, Coreen Costello.

Vote with these families. Vote against extremism that would make Congress the decisionmaker for your most intimate and difficult medical decisions. Vote no.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. SCHROEDER. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

(Mr. CARDIN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.).

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, the issue presented by H.R. 1833, the partial birth abortion bill, is one that requires careful thought and consideration. The medical procedure that is addressed by this legislation is, in my judgment and in the judgment of hundreds of my constituents, gruesome. My vote today to sustain the President's veto in no way indicates my support for that procedure.

The fact is, however, that it is a medical procedure. With no medical training, I am not qualified, and I do not think this Congress is qualified, to rule on the necessity of specific medical decisions. This is a medical question, not a political one. If this bill were to become law, it would establish the precedent of Congress placing in our criminal statutes specific medical procedures. That would be a mistake.

It would a different matter to have a straightforward debate about the circumstances under which late-term abortions are medically justified. However, that is not what we're doing today. Instead, we are debating whether to outlaw a specific medical procedure.

I am dismayed that the American Medical Association, or other appropriate governing bodies of medical professionals, has not stepped forward on this issue. They have the expertise and the responsibility to rule on the necessity of this procedure, and I have urged them, in writing, to do so. I hope they will yet act to guide their members on whether this hideous procedure is, in fact, in some cases the only medically safe option to preserve the life and future health of the woman.

I have always defended the right of each woman to make her own decisions about her reproductive rights. The bill before us raises the question whether a particular medical procedure is ever appropriate for any woman. According to many doctors, there are horrific instances where this procedure is the best option for protecting the woman's life and/or health and her ability to have children in the future. I will vote against this bill because, for all the emotion of this issue, I do not believe Congress knows enough to tell doctors how to act in certain circumstances.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WELDON].

(Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the motion to override.

On March 27, this House passed the conference report on H.R. 1833, the ban on partial birth abortions and sent it to our President for his signature. Sticking to his proabortion agenda, the President chose to distance himself from the American people and veto the ban on the most brutal form of infanticide. Following the President's decision, we set out to override his veto and to protect the life of the unborn childn. We have come far and are in sight of our destination.

Today, with the bipartisan support of 285 Members of Congress, this House was able to successfully override the veto. Today, with the support of 285 Members of Congress, this House was able to respond to the millions of Americans who are outraged by this brutal form of abortion. Today, with the support of 285 Members of Congress, this House was able to send the message of the American people to a President who doesn't really seem to care what they think.

Those of us who believe in the life of the unborn, those of us who fight against the crime of partial birth abortion cheer today for our success, but regret the lives and futures that have been lost since the 27th of March, since the hour that we first passed the ban. Let us delay no more, let us be resolute, and let us complete our task in overriding President Clinton's unjust and unjustified veto, that no other child may perish.

We have advanced confidently in the direction of our hopes, and we await the Senate to join us in the completion of our task.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] is recognized for 15 minutes.

(Mr. HYDE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I beg the indulgence of my colleagues not to ask me to yield because I cannot and will not and I would appreciate their courtesy. I also want to say briefly that those who have charge us with politics, invidious politics, for delaying this debate ought to understand that Americans cannot believe this practice exists and it has taken months to educate the American people and it will take many more months to educate them as to the nature and extent of this horrible practice. That is one reason it has taken so long.

The law exists to protect the weak from the strong. That is why we are here.

Mr. Speaker, in his classic novel ''Crime and Punishment,'' Dostoyevsky has his murderous protagonist Raskolnikov complain that ''Man can get used to anything, the beast!''

That we are even debating this issue, that we have to argue about the legality of an abortionist plunging a pair of scissors into the back of the tiny neck of a little child whose trunk, arms and legs have already been delivered, and then suctioning out his brains only confirms Dostoyevsky's harsh truth.

We were told in committee by an attending nurse that the little arms and legs stop flailing and suddenly stiffen as the scissors is plunged in. People who say ''I feel your pain'' are not referring to that little infant.

What kind of people have we become that this procedure is even a matter for debate? Can we not draw the line at torture, and baby torture at that? If we cannot, what has become of us? We are all incensed about ethnic cleansing. What about infant cleansing? There is no argument here about when human life begins. The child who is destroyed is unmistakably alive, unmistakably human and unmistakably brutally destroyed.

The justification for abortion has always been the claim that a women can do with her own body what she will. If you still believe that this four-fifths delivered little baby is a part of the woman's body, then I am afraid your ignorance is invincible.

I finally figured out why supporters of abortion on demand fight this infacticide ban tooth and claw, because for the first time since Roe v. Wade the focus is on the baby, not the mother, not the woman but the baby, and the harm that abortion inflicts on an unborn child, or in this instance a four-fifths born child. That child whom the advocates of abortion on demand have done everything in their power to make us ignore, to dehumznize, is as much a bearer of human rights as any Member of this House. To deny those rights is more than the betrayal of a powerless individual. It betrays the central promise of America, that there is, in this land, justice for all.

The supporters of abortion on demand have exercised an amazing capacity for self-deception by detaching themselves from any sympathy whatsoever for the unborn child, and in doing so they separate themselves from the instinct for justice that gave birth to this country.

The President, reacting angrily to this challenge to his veto, claims not to understand why the morality of those who support a ban on partial birth abortions is superior to the morality of ''compassion'' that he insists informed his decision to reject Congress' ban on what Senator MOYNIHAN has said is ''too close to infanticide.''

Let me explain, Mr. President. There is no moral nor, for that matter, medical justification for this barbaric assault on a partially born infant. Dr. Pamela Smith, director of medical education in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Chicago's Mount Sinai Hospital, testified to that, as have many other doctors.

Dr. C. Everett Koop, the last credible Surgeon General we had, was interviewed by the American Medical Association on August 19, and he was asked:

Question: ''President Clinton just vetoed a bill on partial birth abortions. In so doing, he cited several cases in which women were told these procedures were necessary to preserve their health and their ability to have future pregnancies. How would you characterize the claims being made in favor of the medical need for this procedure?''

Answer: Quoting Dr. Koop, ''I believe that Mr. Clinton was misled by his medical advisors on what is fact and what is fiction in reference to late term abortions.''

Question: ''In your practice as a pediatric surgeon, have you ever treated children with any of the disabilities cited in this debate? Have you operated on children born with organs outside of their bodies?''

Answer: ''Oh, yes, indeed. I've done that many times. The prognosis usually is good. There are two common ways that children are born with organs outside of their body. One is an omphalocele, where the organs are out but still contained in the sac composed of the tissues of the umbilical cord. I have been repairing those since 1946. The other is when the sac has ruptured. That makes it a little more difficult. I don't know what the national mortality would be, but certainly more than half of those babies survive after surgery.

''Now every once in a while, you have other peculiar things, such as the chest being wide open and the heart being outside the body. And I have even replaced hearts back in the body and had children grow to adulthood.''

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Question: And live normal lives?

Answer: Living normal lives. In fact, the first child I ever did with a huge omphalocele much bigger than her head went on to develop well and become the head nurse in my intensive care unit many years later.''

The abortionist who is a principal perpetrator of these atrocities, Dr. Martin Haskell, has conceded that at least 80 percent of the partial-birth abortions he performs are entirely elective; 80 percent are elective. And he admits to over a thousands of these abortions, and that is some years ago.

We are told about some extreme cases of malformed babies as though life is only for the privileged, the planned and the perfect. Dr. James McMahon, the late Dr. James McMahon, listed nine such abortions he performed because the baby had a cleft lip.

Many other physicians who care both about the mother and the unborn child have made it clear this is never a medical necessity, but it is a convenience for the abortionist. It is a convenience for those who choose to abort late in pregnancy when it becomes difficult to dismember the unborn child in the womb.

Well, the President claims he wants to solve a problem by adding a health exception to the partial-birth abortion ban. That is spurious, as anyone who has spent 10 minutes studying the Federal law, understands. Health exceptions are so broadly construed by the court, as to make any ban utterly meaningless.

If there is no consistent commitment that has survived the twists and the turns in policy during this administration, it is an unshakable commitment to a legal regime of abortion on demand. Nothing is or will be done to make abortion rare. No legislative or regulatory act will be allowed to impede the most permissive abortion license in the democratic world.

The President would do us all a favor and make a modest contribution to the health of our democratic process if he would simply concede this obvious fact.

In his memoirs Dwight Eisenhower wrote about the loss of 1.2 million lives in World War II, and he said:

''The loss of lives that might have otherwise been creatively lived scars the mind of the civilized world.''

Mr. Speaker, our souls have been scarred by one and a half million abortions every year in this country. Our souls have so much scar tissue there is not room for any more.

And say, what do we mean by human dignity if we subject innocent children to brutal execution when they are almost born? We all hope and pray for death with dignity. Tell me what is dignified about a death caused by having a scissors stabbed into your neck so your brains can be sucked out.

We have had long and bitter debates in this House about assault weapons. Those scissors and that suction machine are assault weapons worse than any AK–47. One might miss with an AK–47; the doctor never misses with his assault weapon, I can assure my colleagues.

It is not just the babies that are dying for the lethal sin of being unwanted or being handicapped or malformed. We are dying, and not from the darkness, but from the cold, the coldness of self-brutalization that chills our sensibilities, deadens our conscience and allows us to think of this unspeakable act as an act of compassion.

If my colleagues vote to uphold this veto, if they vote to maintain the legality of a procedure that is revolting even to the most hardened heart, then please do not ever use the word compassion again.

A word about anesthesia. Advocates of partial-birth abortions tried to tell us the baby does not feel pain; the mother's anesthesia is transmitted to the baby. We took testimony from five of the country's top anesthesiologists, and they said it is impossible, that result will take so much anesthesia it would kill the mother.

By upholding this tragic veto, those colleagues join the network of complicity in supporting what is essentially a crime against humanity, for that little, almost born infant struggling to live is a member of the human family, and partial-birth abortion is a lethal assault against the very idea of human rights and destroys, along with a defenseless little baby, the moral foundation of our democracy because democracy is not, after all, a mere process. It assigns fundamental rights and values to each human being, the first of which is the inalienable right to life.

One of the great errors of modern politics is our foolish attempt to separate our private consciences from our public acts, and it cannot be done. At the end of the 20th century, is the crowning achievement of our democracy to treat the weak, the powerless, the unwanted as things? To be disposed of? If so, we have not elevated justice; we have disgraced it.

This is not a debate about sectarian religious doctrine nor about policy options. This is a debate about our understanding of human dignity, what does it mean to be human? Our moment in history is marked by a mortal conflict between culture of death and a culture of life, and today, here and now, we must choose sides.

I am not the least embarrassed to say that I believe one day each of us will be called upon to render an account for what we have done, and maybe more importantly, what we fail to do in our lifetime, and while I believe in a merciful God, I believe in a just God, and I would be terrified at the thought of having to explain at the final judgment why I stood unmoved while Herod's slaughter of the innocents was being reenacted here in my own country.

This debate has been about an unspeakable horror. While the details are graphic and grisly, it has been helpful for all of us to recognize the full brutality of what goes on in America's abortuaries day in and day out, week after week, year after year. We are not talking about abstractions here. We are talking about life and death at their most elemental, and we ought to face the truth of what we oppose or support stripped of all euphemisms, and the queen of all euphemisms is ''choice'' as though one is choosing vanilla and chocolate instead of a dead baby or a live baby.

Now, we have talked so much about the grotesque; permit me a word about beauty. We all have our own images of the beautiful; the face of a loved one, a dawn, a sunset, the evening star. I believe nothing in this world of wonders is more beautiful than the innocence of a child.

Do my colleagues know what a child is? She is an opportunity for love, and a handicapped child is an even greater opportunity for love.

Mr. Speaker, we risk our souls, we risk our humanity when we trifle with that innocence or demean it or brutalize it. We need more caring and less killing.

Let the innocence of the unborn have the last word in this debate. Let their innocence appeal to what President Lincoln called the better angels of our nature. Let our votes prove Raskolnikov is wrong. There is something we will never get use to. Make it clear once again there is justice for all, even for the tiniest, most defenseless in this, our land.

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sustain President Bill Clinton's veto of H.R. 1833, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1995. The bill makes it a crime to perform a so-called partial-birth abortion unless the abortion is necessary to save the life of the mother. Under the legislation, physicians who perform these abortions are subject to a maximum of 2 years imprisonment, fines, or both. The bill also establishes a civil cause of action for damages against the doctor who performs the procedure.

I am against abortion as a method of birth control and certainly against elective late-term abortions except where necessary to protect the life or health of the mother. Today, I vote to sustain the President's veto because H.R. 1833 would seriously infringe upon a family's right to choose what is best for them. In addition, it would seriously interfere with a physician's attempt to protect a woman's health or future reproductive capacity.

This rare procedure is primarily used in cases of desired pregnancies gone tragically wrong; when a family learns late in pregnancy of severe fetal anomalies or of a medical condition that threatens the woman's life or health. The American Public Health Association, the American Medical Women's Association, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, all organizations

dedicated to improving women's health care, oppose the measure. According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, this type of procedure is ''done primarily when the abnormalities of the fetus are so extreme that the independent life is not possible or when the fetus has died in utero.'' They further explain that the medical problems which a woman could develop that might require interruption of pregnancy during the third trimester include rare maternal problems that could threaten the life and/or health of the pregnant woman if the pregnancy continued such as severe heart disease, malignancies, kidney failure, or severe toxemia.

I simply cannot tell a mother that she must risk her life carrying a fetus that the medical community has determined would not live. That should be a family decision best left to the family and their God. In these situations, in which a family must make such a difficult decision, the ability to choose this procedure must be protected.

This measure outlaws a valid medical procedure. Other methods of late-term abortion may be more dangerous to the health or life of the woman. Moreover, it compromises the patient-physician relationship. Because it bans one of the safest, least invasive methods available later in pregnancy, physicians would be compelled to balance the health of their patients against the possibility of facing Federal criminal charges.

In short, I cannot vote to override the President's veto because it fails to protect women and families in such dire circumstances and because it treats doctors who perform the procedures as criminals. The life exception in the bill only covers cases in which the doctor believes that the woman will die. It fails to cover cases where, absent the procedure, serious physical harm is very likely to occur. I would support H.R. 1833 if it were amended to add an exception for serious health consequences.

I urge my colleagues to vote to sustain the President's veto.

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in reluctant opposition to the veto override of H.R. 1833.

I am opposed to late-term abortions except in instances where they are necessary to save the life of the mother or for serious, very limited health reasons. Unfortunately, this well-intentioned legislation fails to make these exceptions. Tragedies involving severely deformed or dying fetuses sometimes occur in the late stages of pregnancy. In these crisis situations, women should have access to the safest medical procedure available, and on some occasions the safest such procedure is the intact dilation and evacuation procedure.

If we ban this procedure, Mr. Speaker, as this legislation seeks to do, doctors will resort to other procedures, such as a caesarean section or a dismemberment dilation and evacuation, which can and often do pose greater health risks to women, such as severe hemorrhaging, lacerations of the uterus, or other complications that can threaten a woman's life or her ability to have children again in the future.

Mr. Speaker, passage of H.R. 1833 will not end late-term abortions; the bill only bans one such procedure that, in the judgment of a doctor, might offer the surest way of protecting the mother. The New York chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists opposes H.R. 1833, expressing concern that ''* * * Congress would take any action that would supersede the medical judgment of trained physicians and would criminalize medical procedures that may be necessary to save the life of a woman * * *''.

If H.R. 1833 were amended to include exceptions for situations where a woman's life or health is threatened, ensuring that decisions regarding the well-being of the mother are made by doctors, not politicians, I would gladly support the bill. Without this protection, however, I cannot in good conscience support this legislation today.

Good people will always disagree over the abortion issue, and I respect the passion and depth of feeling that so many of my constituents on both sides of this issue have expressed to me. Maintaining policies which promote healthy mothers and healthy babies should remain above the political fray, and it is for this reason that I oppose the veto override today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I oppose the challenge to the President's veto of H.R. 1833. Whatever one's belief on abortion, the late-term procedure most be viewed separately, for this is a procedure to be used only as a last resort to save a woman's life or to avoid a devastating deterioration of her health. Late-term abortion is not about choice. It is about saving women from grave damage to their health, to their ability to bear children in the future, and from death. The President, and the medical community, have assured us that abuses of this procedure can be avoided. Regrettably, those voting to override this veto would apparently prefer to score political points than to heed those assurances. This is being done with indifference to women who face grave circumstances, and in disregard to the potential of this institution to render a serious policy determination on a matter of grave consequence.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I rise today to express my support for the President's position on H.R. 1833 and to urge my colleagues to support it.

This issue has been an incredibly difficult one for me as I'm sure it has been for most of my colleagues. The medical procedures involved are very disturbing, and moreover, intensely personal issues lie at the heart of this debate.

However, I opposed H.R. 1833 for several reasons when we debated this legislation earlier this year, and I remain opposed to this bill.

First, and most important, H.R. 1833 denies women the right to make extremely important and personal medical decisions. If passed, this bill would strip away many of the protections that exist for legal abortion.

Only the mother, in consultation with her doctor, should make the decision. We should not attempt to impose a ''Congress Knows Best'' medical solution on the women of America.

In additional, I opposed this bill because it doesn't contain an exception which would allow for this extremely rare procedure to be performed when circumstances are the most dire; that is, when the life of the mother is endangered. We should not accept a ban on a procedure which may represent the best hope for a woman to avoid serious risks to her health.

Of course we should not make this procedure, or any type of abortion, a purely elective procedure. But if we pass this bill, we are criminalizing a medical procedure that may one day be necessary to save the life of the mother and allow her to have a family.

I urge all of my colleagues to give careful thought to their vote today and oppose the veto override attempt before us.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the motion to override the Presidential veto of H.R. 1833, the late-term abortion ban. The fact that we are voting on this motion today is a true testament to how extreme many of the Members of this House of Representatives are. Despite their campaign pledges to ''get the U.S. government out of your life,'' Gingrich-Dole Republican Members have continued to advocate that the U.S. Congress take unprecedented steps into the personal lives of American women and their families—as well as into their doctor's offices—in order to influence public opinion and undermine current laws in a fashion that they cannot do through the highest court in our land. H.R. 1833 is an attempt by Gingrich extremists to prescribe their own view of proper medical strategy regarding partial birth abortion procedures.

In order to promote this bill, the Republicans have focused on certain aspects of this medical procedure that are intended to elicit emotional responses. What they refuse to focus on, however, is that the only women who seek such rare, third-trimester abortions are overwhelmingly in tragic, heart-rendering situations in which they must make one of the most difficult decisions of their lives.

Often they are faced with personal health risks that threaten their very lives and/or their ability to have children in the future. Others discover very late in their pregnancy—in some cases even after they already know the sex of the child, have picked out a name and gotten the baby's crib—that their child has horrific fetal anomalies that are incompatible with life and will cause the baby terrible pain and tragedy before the end of its short life.

Clearly, each of these situations is serious, tragic, and terribly difficult for the families involved. The decision to seek a late-term, partial-birth abortion is one that is not made carelessly or lightly. The U.S. Congress is the last entity that should be intruding into this type of personal, family decision.

Further, we in Congress have absolutely no right to interfere with a doctor's medical judgment when he or she is making critical decisions affecting the life of a woman, her health and her ability to bear children in the future. It is extremely important to note that this bill makes no exception for the health of the mother. In fact, it makes no mention of the health of the women whatsoever. Clearly, the mother's health and her reproductive future mean nothing to those Members of this body who are pushing this bill forward and who have failed to include this vital exception.

H.R. 1833 takes advantage of tragic circumstances and sacrifices the health and maybe lives of women in order to push an extremist agenda forward during this election year. I urge my colleagues to stay fast in their beliefs for individual rights and to continue to allow a woman's right to her own reproductive choices and not to be dictated to by partisan political action by mean spirited office seekers. I support the President's veto of this bill and will vote to sustain it.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of overriding President Clinton's unwise veto of H.R. 1833, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act.

Last March, I joined 285 of my House colleagues in support of banning the procedure known as partial-birth abortion. The measure was supported by members like me who are pro-life, and even by many who consider themselves pro-choice. We shared our justification: As New York Senator DANIEL PATRICK MOYNAHAN said, the partial birth abortion procedure is just ''too close to infantacide.'' And I agree.

Yet, after H.R. 1833 was adopted by bipartisan majorities in the House and Senate, President Clinton vetoed the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act on April 10. The President's veto represents a truly mean and extreme position. His position is that the absolute, most extreme abortion procedure, no matter how barbaric, should continue to be permitted in America. This procedure is such that even a brief description of it causes strong men and women to wince.

Since the President's veto, more than 7,500 of my constituents have written or called me, urging me to support an override of the President's veto. But he did veto it. And on July 15, I wrote House Majority Leader DICK ARMEY, urging the House to fulfill its responsibility to a vote to override President Clinton's veto.

Today we will have that vote. And today I will vote to override the President's decision, which drawn the deep disappointment of pro-life and pro-choice Americans alike. This is a sad day, because one would hope that the President had not vetoed such commonsense, humane legislation in the first place.

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, when President Clinton vetoed H.R. 1833, the Partial-Birth Abortion Act, he claimed he was trying to protect women's health.

The President was distorting the truth.

Medical facts show the President's claim to be completely false.

Mr. Speaker, partial-birth abortion is not a legitimate medical procedure and is not needed for any particular circumstance. Doctors at the Metropolitan Medical Clinic in New Jersey say that only a ''minuscule amount'' of the 1,500 partial-birth abortions they perform are for medical reasons. One doctor is quoted as saying, ''Most [partial-birth abortion patients] are Medicaid patients * * * and most are for elective, not medical, reasons; most who did not realize, or didn't care, how far along they were.''

This procedure is used on babies who are four and a half months in the womb or older. It can be employed up until the ninth and final month of pregnancy. The ninth and final month, Mr. Speaker.

Opposition to this technique isn't merely the opinion of a handful of doctors. The American Medical Association has made its position clear.

The AMA's Council on Legislation voted unanimously to recommend that the AMA board of trustees endorse H.R. 1833. One member of AMA's legislative council said that, ''partial birth abortion is not a recognized medical technique,'' and many AMA members agreed that, ''the procedure is basically repulsive.''

Mr. Speaker, my position on abortion has been clear and consistent. I oppose it, except in certain very specific cases.

But I do not understand how people can support this procedure. Abortion advocates will argue that a fetus in the early stages of pregnancy is not human life. I disagree with that. But surely even people who make that argument must understand in their hearts that a pre-born baby in the third trimester of pregnancy is in fact human life. And that human life deserves the protection of law.

The position of those who favor partial birth abortions rests on the absurd notion that if one does not have to look at the baby then one can somehow deny that the baby is alive.

Mr. Speaker, not only is the procedure itself medieval, but so is the logic of those who advocate and apologize for it.

Permitting this ghastly procedure to continue debases the whole medical profession, it debases our system of law, and indeed it debases our very notion of the concept of life.

Our system of laws, our American heritage, is based on the idea that people have certain God-given rights. Those rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Those rights existed before laws were established. In fact, it is because those rights existed that laws were established in order to protect those rights.

First and foremost among those rights is the right to life.

As lawmakers we have a responsibility to protect the lives of our citizens, in this case, the very youngest, most vulnerable of American citizens.

I urge my colleagues to do the right thing.

I urge my colleagues to stand against this hideous, repugnant practice.

Let us stand up for a good principle and let us override the President's veto.

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this attempt to override President Clinton's veto of the partial birth abortion bill and I hope my colleagues will join me in this effort.

Mr. Speaker, I have listened with some care to the comments by my distinguished colleague from Colorado, Mrs. SCHROEDER, who is leading the effort to preserve this procedure. And I am reminded of some advice that the gentlelady from Colorado gave this House just a day or two ago when we were debating a bill to make Mother Teresa an honorary citizen of the United States. The gentlelady from Colorado, at that time said we could honor Mother Teresa best if, every day, as we considered how to vote on legislation brought to this floor, we reflected upon Mother Teresa's compassion, and her courageous stand for children and the helpless.

As the gentlelady from Colorado knows, I do not always agree with her advice. But on this occasion I think the gentlelady from Colorado's advice the other day does apply to our deliberation today. I think we should let the wisdom of Mother Teresa inform our hearts and our minds. And I think it is quite clear what that gentle woman from Calcutta, India, would say if she were here today—it is the same thing she has said so often—that the taking of innocent human life is wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote to end partial birth abortion in this country. Override the President's veto.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I do not favor late-term abortions and believe they should only be allowed in cases where the life or health of the mother is threatened.

I voted to sustain the President's veto because the bill does not allow a physician to take into account even serious threats to a woman's health, as the Supreme Court has required.

I would have voted for H.R. 1833 if there had been an exception to allow their procedure where there is medical evidence that the health of the mother is indeed threatened.

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, today we are considering an override of the President's veto of H.R. 1833, the late-term abortion bill. I oppose the override because this legislation is fundamentally flawed and would put at risk the life, health, and fertility of women facing one of the most difficult, anguished, and personal decisions imaginable.

First, let me say that I oppose late-term abortions except, as the U.S. Supreme Court requires, when necessary to protect the life or health of a woman. H.R. 1833 falls woefully short of meeting this critical standard.

H.R. 1833 provides only a partial exception to protect the life of a woman, and even this partial exception may be invoked only under a very narrow set of circumstances. In other words, this legislation takes away the authority of a physician to select the best medical procedure for saving a woman's life.

Furthermore, this legislation includes no exception whatsoever when a woman faces a severe threat to her health or her ability to have children in the future.

I would support this legislation if its proponents would allow an amendment to reflect not only the Supreme Court's rulings, but State law in Texas. In Texas, late-term abortions are banned except when the woman's life or health is threatened. That is the approach this legislation should take as well.

While I am troubled by the procedure H.R. 1833 seeks to outlaw, I believe it is dangerous and wrong to ban a medical procedure that in some circumstances represents the best hope for a woman to avoid serious risk to her health. The procedure that H.R. 1833 would ban is utilized in the most emotionally wrenching circumstances imaginable—involving cases in which the fetus has developed severe abnormalities that will not allow it to sustain life outside the womb and in which a woman's life, health, and future fertility are jeopardized.

There is no simple solution to reducing the incidence of abortion. However, this Congress could have fashioned a commonsense bill limiting the use of this procedure to cases in which a woman and her doctor decide it is the best way to protect her life and health. Instead, the proponents of H.R. 1833 have chosen to exploit the anguish of families confronting this decision for political gain. How sad and how wrong.

Mrs. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I submit for the RECORD the following:

STATEMENT OF DAVID J. BIRNBACH, M.D.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Subcommittee, my name is David Birnbach, M.D. and I am presently the Director of Obstetric Anesthesiology at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, a teaching hospital of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. I am also president-elect of the Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology, the society which represents my subspecialty.

I am here today to take issue with the previous testimony before committees of the Congress that suggests that anesthesia causes fetal demise. I believe that I am qualified to address this issue because I am a practicing obstetric anesthesiologist. Since completing my anesthesiology and obstetric anesthesiology training at Harvard University, I have administered analgesia to more than five thousand women in labor and anesthesia to over a thousand women undergoing

cesarean section. Although the majority of these cases were at full term gestation, I have provided anesthesia to approximately 200 patients who were carrying fetuses of less than 30 weeks gestation and who needed emergency non-obstetric surgery during pregnancy. These operations have included appendectomies, gall bladder surgeries, numerous orthopedic procedures such as fractured ankles, uterine and ovarian procedures (including malignant tumor removal), breast surgery, neurosurgery, and cardiac surgery.

The anesthetics which I have administered have included general, epidural, spinal and local. The patients have included healthy as well as very sick pregnant patients. Although I often use spinal and epidural anesthesia in pregnant patients, I also administer general anesthesia to these patients and, on occasion, have needed to administer huge doses of general anesthesia in order to allow surgeons to perform cardiac surgery or neurosurgery.

In addition, I believe that I am also especially qualified to discuss the effect of maternally-administered anesthesia on the fetus, because I am one of only a handful of anesthesiologists who has administered anesthesia to a pregnant patient undergoing in-utero fetal surgery, thus allowing me to watch the fetus as I administered general anesthesia to the mother. A review of the experiences that my associates and I had while administering general anesthesia to a mother while a surgeon operated on her unborn fetus was published in the Journal of Clinical Anesthesia, vol. 1, 1989, pp. 363–367. In this paper, we suggested that general anesthesia provides several advantages to the fetus who will undergo surgery and then be replaced in the womb to continue to grow until mature enough to be delivered. Safe doses of anesthesia to the mother most certainly did not cause fetal demise when used for these operations.

Despite my extensive experience with providing anesthesia to the pregnant patient, I have never witnessed a case of fetal demise that could be attributed to an anesthetic. Although some drugs which we administer to the mother may cross the placenta and affect the fetus, in my medical judgment fetal demise is definitely not a consequence of a properly administered anesthetic. In order to cause fetal demise it would be necessary to give the mother dangerous and life-threatening doses of anesthetics. This is not the way we practice anesthesiology in the United States.

Mr. Chairman, I am deeply concerned that the previous congressional testimony and the widespread publicity that has been given this issue will cause unnecessary fear and anxiety in pregnant patients and may cause some to unnecessarily delay emergency surgery. As an example, several newspapers across the U.S. have stated that anesthesia causes fetal demise. Because this issue has been allowed to become a ''controversy'' several of my patients have recently expressed concerns about anesthesia, having seen newspaper or heard radio or television coverage of this issue. Evidence that patients are still receiving misinformation regarding the fetal effects of maternally administered anesthesia can be seen by review of an article that a pregnant patient recently brought with her to the labor and delivery floor. In last month's edition of Marie Claire, a magazine which many of my pregnant patients read, an article about partial birth abortion states: ''The mother is put under general anesthetic, which reaches the fetus through her bloodstream. By the time the cervix is sufficiently dilated, the fetus has overdosed on the anesthesia and is brain-dead.'' These incorrect statements continue to find their way into newspapers and magazines around the country. Despite the previous testimony of Dr. Ellison, I have yet to see an article that states, in no uncertain terms, that anesthesia when used properly does not harm the fetus. This supposed controversy regarding the effects of anesthesia on the fetus must be finally and definitively put to rest.

In order to address this complex issue, I believe that it is necessary to comment on three of the statements which have recently been made to the Congress.

(1) Dr. James McMahon, now deceased, testified that anesthesia causes neurologic fetal demise.

(2) Dr. Lewis Koplick supported Dr. McMahon and stated: ''I am certain that anyone who would call Dr. McMahon a liar is speaking from ignorance of abortions in later pregnancy and of Dr. McMahon's technique and integrity.''

(3) Dr. Mary Campbell of Planned Parenthood has addressed this issue by writing the following: ''Though these doses are high, the incremental administration of the drugs minimizes the probability of negative outcomes for the mother. In the fetus, these dosage levels may lead to fetal demise (death) in a fetus weakened by its own developmental anomalies.''

My responses to these statements are as follows:

1. There is *absolutely* no scientific or clinical evidence that a properly administered maternal anesthetic causes fetal demise. To the contrary, there are hundreds of scientific articles which demonstrate the fetal safety of currently used anesthetics.

2. Dr. Koplick has stated that the ''massive'' doses used by Dr. McMahon are responsible for fetal demise. *This again, is incorrect and there is no scientific or clinical data to support this allegation.* I have personally administered ''massive'' doses of narcotics to intubated critically ill pregnant patients who were being treated in an intensive care unit. I am pleased to say that the fetuses were born alive and did well.

3. Dr. Campbell has described the narcotic protocol which Dr. McMahon had used during his D & X procedures: it includes the administration of Midazolam (10–40 mg) and Fentanyl (900–2500 μg). Although there is no evidence that this massive dose will cause fetal demise, there is clear evidence that this excessive dose could cause maternal death. These doses are far in excess of any anesthetic that would be used by an anesthesiologist and even if they were incrementally given over a two or three hour period these doses would in all probability cause enough respiratory depression of the mother, to necessitate intubation and/or assisted respiration. Since Dr. McMahon can not be questioned regarding his ''heavy handed'' anesthetic practice. I am unable to explain why he would willingly administer such huge amounts of drugs if he did indeed administer 2500 μg of fentanyl and 40mg of midazolam to a patient in a clinic, without an anesthesiologist present, he was definitely placing the mother's life at great risk.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I believe that I have a responsibility as a practicing obstetric anesthesiologist to refute any and all testimony that suggests that maternally administered anesthesia causes fetal demise. It is my opinion that in order to achieve that goal one would need to administer such huge doses of anesthetic to the mother as to place her life at jeopardy. Pregnant women *must* get the message that should they need anesthesia for surgery or analgesia for labor, they may do so without worrying about the effects on their unborn child.

Thank you for your attention. I am happy to respond to your questions.

STATEMENT OF NORIG ELLISON, M.D., PRESIDENT, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

Chairman Canady, members of the Subcommittee. My name is Norig Ellison, M.D., I am the President of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA), a national professional society consisting of over 34,000 anesthesiologists and other scientists engaged or specially interested in the medical practice of anesthesiology. I am also Professor and Vice-Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia and a staff anesthesiologist at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

I appear here today for one purpose, and one purpose only: to take this issue with the testimony of James T. McMahon, M.D., before this Subcommittee last June. According to his written testimony, of which I have a copy, Dr. McMahon stated that anesthesia given to the mother as part of dilation and extraction abortion procedure eliminates any pain to the fetus and that a medical coma is induced in the fetus, causing a ''neurological fetal demise'', or—in lay terms—''brain death''.

I believe this statement to be entirely inaccurate. I am deeply concerned, moreover, that the widespread publicity given to Dr. McMahon's testimony may cause pregnant women to delay necessary, even life-saving, medical procedures, total unrelated to the birthing process, due to misinformation regarding the effect of anesthetics on the fetus. Annually over 50,000 pregnant women are anesthetized for such necessary procedures.

Although it is certainly true that some general analgesic medications given to the mother will reach the fetus and perhaps provide some pain relief, it is equally true that pregnant women are routinely heavily sedated during the second or third trimester for the performance of a variety of necessary surgical procedures with absolutely no adverse effect on the fetus, let alone death or ''brain death''. In my medical judgment, it would be necessary—in order to achieve ''neurological demise'' of the fetus in a ''partial birth'' abortion—to anesthetize the mother to such a degree as to place her own health in serious jeopardy.

As you are aware, Mr. Chairman, I gave the same testimony to a Senate committee four months ago. That testimony received wide circulation in anesthesiology circles and to a lesser extent in the lay press. You may be interested in the fact that since my appearance, not one single anesthesiologist or other physician has contacted me to dispute my stated conclusions. Indeed, two eminent obstetric anesthesiologists appear with me today, testifying on their own behalf and not as ASA representatives. I am pleased to note that their testimony reaches the same conclusions that I have expressed.

Thank you for your attention. I am happy to respond to your questions.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I submit for the RECORD the following:

SECOND TRIMESTER ABORTION: FROM EVERY ANGLE—FALL RISK MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

INTRODUCTION

The surgical method described in this paper differs from classic D&E in that it does not rely upon dismemberment to remove the fetus. Nor are inductions or infusions used to expel the intact fetus.

Rather, the surgeon grasps and removes a nearly intact fetus through an adequately dilated cervix. The author has coined the term Dilation and Extraction or D&X to distinguish it from dismemberment-type D&E's.

This procedure can be performed in a properly equipped physician's office under local

anesthesia. It can be used successfully in patients 20–26 weeks in pregnancy.

The author has performed over 700 of these procedures with a low rate of complications.

BACKGROUND

D&E evolved as an alternative to induction or instillation methods for second trimester abortion in the mid 1970's. This happened in part because of lack of hospital facilities allowing second trimester abortions in some geographic areas, in part because surgeons needed a ''right now'' solution to complete suction abortions inadvertently started in the second trimester and in part to provide a means of early second trimester abortion to avoid necessary delays for instillation methods.[1] The North Carolina Conference in 1978 established D&E as the preferred method for early second trimester abortions in the U.S.[2,3,4]

Classic D&E is accomplished by dismembering the fetus inside the uterus with instruments and removing the pieces through an adequately dilated cervix.[5]

However, most surgeons find dismemberment at twenty weeks and beyond to be difficult due to the toughness of fetal tissues at this stage of development. Consequently, most late second trimester abortions are performed by an induction method.[6,7,8]

Two techniques of late second trimester D&E's have been described at previous NAF meetings. The first relies on sterile urea intra-amniotic infusion to cause fetal demise and lysis (or softening) of fetal tissues prior to surgery.[9]

The second technique is to rupture the membranes 24 hours prior to surgery and cut the umbilical cord. Fetal death and ensuing autolysis soften the tissues. There are attendant risks of infection with this method.

In summary, approaches to late second trimester D&E's rely upon some means to induce early fetal demise to soften the fetal tissues making dismemberment easier.

PATIENT SELECTION

The author routinely performs this procedure on all patients 20 through 24 weeks LMP with certain exceptions. The author performs the procedure on selected patients 25 through 26 weeks LMP.

The author refers for induction patients falling into the following categories: Previous C-section over 22 weeks; obese patients (more than 20 pounds over large frame ideal weight); twin pregnancy over 21 weeks; and patients 26 weeks and over.

DESCRIPTION OF DILATION AND EXTRACTION METHOD

Dilation and extraction takes place over three days. In a nutshell, D&X can be described as follows: Dilation; more dilation; real-time ultrasound visualization; version (as needed); intact extraction; fetal skull decompression; removal; clean-up; and recovery.

Day 1—Dilation: The patient is evaluated with an ultrasound, hemoglobin and Rh. Hadlock scales are used to interpret all ultrasound measurements.

In the operating room, the cervix is prepped, anesthetized and dilated to 9.11 mm. Five, six of seven large Dilapan hydroscopic dilators are placed in the cervix. The patient goes home or to a motel overnight.

Day 2—More Dilation: The patient returns to the operating room where the previous day's Dilapan are removed. The cervix is scrubbed and anesthetized. Between 15 and 25 Dilapan are placed in the cervical canal. The patient returns home or to a motel overnight.

Day 3—The Operation: The patient returns to the operating room where the previous day's Dilapan are removed. The surgical assistant administers 10 IU Pitocin intramuscularly. The cervix is scrubbed, anesthetized and grasped with a tenaculum. The membranes are ruptured, if they are not already.

The surgical assistant places an ultrasound probe on the patient's abdomen and scans the fetus, locating the lower extremities. This scan provides the surgeon information about the orientation of the fetus and approximate location of the lower extremities. The tranducer is then held in position over the lower extremities.

The surgeon introduces a large grasping forcep, such as Bierer or Hern, through the vaginal and cervical canals into the corpus of the uterus. Based upon his knowledge of fetal orientation, he moves the tip of the instrument carefully towards the fetal lower extremities. When the instrument appears on the sonogram screen, the surgeon is able to open and close its jaws to firmly and reliably grasp a lower extremity. The surgeon then applies firm traction to the instrument causing a version of the fetus (if necessary) and pulls the extremity into the vagina.

By observing the movement of the lower extremity and version of the fetus on the ultrasound screen, the surgeon is assured that his instrument has not inappropriately grasped a maternal structure.

With a lower extremity in the vagina, the surgeon uses his fingers to deliver the opposite lower extremity, then the torso, the shoulders and the upper extremities.

The skull lodges at the internal cervical os. Usually there is not enough dilation for it to pass through. The fetus is oriented dorsum or spine up.

At this point, the right-handed surgeon slides the fingers of the left hand along the back of the fetus and ''hooks'' the shoulders of the fetus wit the index and ring fingers (palm down). Next he slides the tip of the middle finger along the spine towards the skull while applying traction to the shoulders and lower extremities. The middle finger lifts and pushes the anterior cervical lip out of the way.

While maintaining this tension, lifting the cervix and applying traction to the shoulders with the fingers of the left hand, the surgeon takes a pair of blunt curved Metzenbaum scissors in the right hand. He carefully advances the tip, curved down along the spine and under his middle finger until he feels it contact the base of the skull under the tip of his middle finger.

Reassessing proper placement of the closed scissors tip and safe elevation of the cervix, the surgeon then forces the scissors into the base of the skull or into the foramen magnum. Having safely entered the skull, he spreads the scissors to enlarge the opening.

The surgeon removes the scissors and introduces a suction catheter into this hole and evacuates the skull contents. With the catheter still in place, he applies traction to the fetus, removing it completely from the patient.

The surgeon finally removes the placenta with forceps and scrapes the uterine walls with a large Evans and a 14 mm suction curette. The procedure ends.

Recovery: Patients are observed a minimum of 2 hours following surgery. A pad check and vital signs are performed every 30 minutes. Patients with minimal bleeding after 30 minutes are encouraged to walk about the building or outside between checks.

Intravenous fluids, pitocin and antibiotics are available for the exceptional times they are needed.

ANESTHESIA

Lidocaine 1% with epinephrine administered intra-cervically is the standard anesthesia. Nitrous-oxide/oxygen analgesia is administered nasally as an adjunct. For the Dilapan insert and Dilapan change. 12cc's is used in 3 equidistant locations around the cervix. For the surgery, 24cc's is used at 6 equidistant spots.

Carbocaine 1% is substituted for lidocaine for patients who expressed lidocaine sensitivity.

MEDICATIONS

All patients not allergic to tetracycline analogues receive doxycycline 200 mgm by mouth daily for 3 days beginning Day 1.

Patients with any history of gonorrhea, chlamydia or pelvic inflammatory disease receive additional doxycycline, 100 mgm by mouth twice daily for six additional days.

Patients allergic to tetracyclines are not given proplylactic antibiotics.

Ergotrate 0.2 mgm by mouth four times daily for three days is dispensed to each patient.

Pitocin 10 IU intramuscularly is administered upon removal of the Dilapan on Day 3.

Rhogam intramuscularly is provided to all Rh negative patients on Day 3.

Ibuprofen orally is provided liberally at a rate of 100 mgm per hour from Day 1 onward.

Patients with severe cramps with Dilapan dilation are provided Phenergan 25 mgm suppositories rectally every 4 hours as needed.

Rare patients require Synalogos DC in order to sleep during Dilapan dilation.

Patients with a hemoglobin less than 10 g/dl prior to surgery receive packed red blood cell transfusions.

FOLLOWUP

All patient are given a 24 hour physician's number to call in case of a problem or concern.

At least three attempts to contact each patient by phone one week after surgery are made by the office staff.

All patients are asked to return for check-up three weeks following their surgery.

THIRD TRIMESTER

The author is aware of one other surgeon who uses a conceptually similar technique. He adds additional changes of Dilapan and/or lamineria in the 48 hour dilation period. Coupled with other refinements and a slower operating time, he performs these procedures up to 32 weeks or more.[10]

SUMMARY

In conclusion, Dilation and Extraction is an alternative method for achieving late second trimester abortions to 26 weeks. It can be used in the third trimester.

Among its advantages are that it is a quick, surgical outpatient method that can be performed on a scheduled basis under local anesthesia.

Among its disadvantages are that it requires a high degree of surgical skill, and may not be appropriate for a few patients.

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AMERICAN MEDICAL NEWS,
Chicago, IL, July 11, 1995.

Hon. CHARLES T. CANADY,
Chairman, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE CANADY: We have received your July 7, letter outlining allegations of inaccuracies in a July 5, 1993, story in American Medical News, ''Shock-tactic ads target late-term abortion procedure.''

You noted that in public testimony before your committee, AMNews is alleged to have quoted physicians out of context. You also noted that one such physician submitted testimony contending that AMNews misrepresented his statements. We appreciate your offer of the opportunity to respond to these accusations, which now are part of the permanent subcommittee record.

AMNews stands behind the accuracy of the report cited in the testimony. The report was complete, fair, and balanced. The comments and positions expressed by those interviewed and quoted were reported accurately and in-context. The report was based on extensive research and interviews with experts on both sides of the abortion debate, including interviews with two physicians who perform the procedure in question.

We have full documentation of these interviews, including tape recordings and transcripts. Enclosed is a transcript of the contested quotes that relate to the allegations of inaccuracies made against AMNews.

Let me also note that in the two years since publication of our story, neither the organization nor the physician who complained about the report in testimony to your committee has contacted the reporter or any editor at AMNews to complain about it. AMNews has a longstanding reputation for—balance, fairness and accuracy in reporting, including reporting on abortion, an issue that is as divisive within medicine as it is within society in general. We believe that the story in question comports entirely with that reputation.

Thank you for your letter and the opportunity to clarify this matter.

Respectfully yours,

BARBARA BOLSEN,
Editor.

Attachment.

AMERICAN MEDICAL NEWS TRANSCRIPT

(Relevant portions of recorded interview with Martin Haskell, MD)

AMN: Let's talk first about whether or not the fetus is dead beforehand . . .

Haskell: No, it's not. No, it's really not. A percentage are for various numbers of reasons. Some just because of the stress—intrauterine stress during, you know, the two days that the cervix is being dilated. Sometimes the membranes rupture and it takes a very small superficial infection to kill a fetus in utero when the membranes are broken. And so in my case, I would think probably about a third of those are definitely are (sic) dead before I actually start to remove the fetus. And probably the other two-thirds are not.

AMN: Is the skull procedure also done to make sure that the fetus is dead so you're not going to have the problem of a live birth?

Haskell: It's immaterial. If you can't get it out, you can't get it out.

AMN: I mean, you couldn't dilate further? Or is that riskier?

Haskell: Well, you could dilate further over a period of days.

AMN: Would that just make it . . . would it go from a 3-day procedure to a 4- or a 5-?

Haskell: Exactly. The point here is to effect a safe legal abortion. I mean, you could say the same thing about the D&E procedure. You know, why do you do the D&E procedure? Why do you crush the fetus up inside the womb? To kill it before you take it out?

Well, that happens, yes. But that's not why you do it. You do it to get it out. I could do the same thing with a D&E procedure. I could put dilapan in for four or five days and say I'm doing a D&E procedure and the fetus could just fall out. But that's not really the point. The point here is you're attempting to do an abortion. And that's the goal of your work, is to complete an abortion. Not to see how do I manipulate the situation so that I get a live birth instead.

AMN, wrapping up the interview: I wanted to make sure I have both you and (Dr.) McMahon saying 'No' then. That this is misinformation, these letters to the editor saying it's only done when the baby's already dead, in case of fetal demise and you have to do an autopsy. But some of them are saying they[re getting that information from NAF. Have you talked to Barbara Radford or anyone over there? I called Barbara and she called back, but I haven't gotten back to her.

Haskell: Well, I had heard that they were giving that information, somebody over there might be giving information like that out. The people that staff the NAF office are not medical people. And many of them when I gave my paper, many of them came in, I learned later, to watch my paper because many of them have never seen an abortion performed of any kind.

AMN: Did you also show a video when you did that?

Haskell: Yeah. I taped a procedure a couple of years ago, a very brief video, that simply showed the technique. The old story about a picture's worth a thousand words.

AMN: As National Right to Life will tell you.

Haskell: Afterwards they were just amazed. They just had no idea. And here they're rapid supporters of abortion. They work in the office there. And . . . some of them have never seen one performed . . .

Comments on elective vs. non-elective abortions:

Haskell: And I'll be quite frank: most of my abortions are elective in that 20–24 week range . . . In my particular case, probably 20% are for genetic reasons. And the other 80% are purely elective . . .

[From the American Medical News]

SHOCK-TACTIC ADS TARGET LATE-TERM ABORTION PROCEDURE

FOES HOPE CAMPAIGN WILL SINK FEDERAL ABORTION RIGHTS LEGISLATION

(By Diane M. Gianelli)

WASHINGTON.—In an attempt to derail an abortion-rights bill maneuvering toward a congressional showdown, opponents have launched a full-scale campaign against late-term abortions.

The centerpieces of the effort are newspaper advertisements and brochures that graphically illustrate a technique used in some second- and third-trimester abortions. A handful of newspapers have run the ads so far, and the National Right to Life Committee has distributed 4 million of the brochures, which were inserted into about a dozen other papers.

By depicting a procedure expected to make most readers squeamish, campaign sponsors hope to convince voters and elected officials that a proposed federal abortion-rights bill is so extreme that states would have no authority to limit abortions—even on potentially viable fetuses.

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a research group affiliated with Planned Parenthood, about 10% of the estimated 1.6 million abortions done each year are in the second and third trimesters.

Barbara Radford of the National Abortion Federation denounced the ad campaign as disingenuous, saying its ''real agenda is to outlaw virtually all abortions, not just late-term ones.'' But she acknowledged it is having an impact, reporting scores of calls from congressional staffers and others who have seen the ads and brochures and are asking pointed questions about the procedure depicted.

The Minneapolis Star-Tribune ran the ad May 12, on its op-ed page. The anti-abortion group Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life paid for it.

In a series of drawings, the ad illustrates a procedure called ''dilation and extraction,'' or D&X, in which forceps are used to remove second- and third-trimester fetuses from the uterus intact, with only the head remaining inside the uterus.

The surgeon is then shown jamming scissors into the skull. The ad says this is done to create an opening large enough to insert a catheter that suctions the brain, while at the same time making the skull small enough to pull through the cervix.

''Do these drawings shock you?'' the ad reads. ''We're sorry, but we think you should know the truth.''

The ad quotes Martin Haskell, MD, who described the procedure at a September 1992 abortion federation meeting, as saying he personally has performed 700 of them. It then states that the proposed ''Freedom of Choice Act'' now moving through Congress would ''protect the practice of abortion at all stages and would lead to an increase in the use of this grisly procedure.''

ACCURACY QUESTIONED

Some abortion rights advocates have questioned the ad's accuracy.

A letter to the Star-Tribune said the procedure shown ''is only performed after fetal death when an autopsy is necessary or to save the life of the mother.'' And the Morrisville, Vt., Transcript, which said in an editorial that it allowed the brochure to be inserted in its paper only because it feared legal action if it refused quoted the abortion federation as providing similar information. ''The fetus is dead 24 hours before the pictured procedure is undertaken,'' the editorial stated.

But Dr. Haskell and another doctor who routinely use the procedure for late-term abortions told AMNews that the majority of fetuses aborted this way are alive until the end of the procedure.

Dr. Haskell said the drawings were accurate ''from a technical point of view.'' But he took issue with the implication that the fetuses were 'aware and resisting.''

Radford also acknowledged that the information her group was quoted as providing was inaccurate. She has since sent a letter to federation members, outlining guidelines for discussing the matter. Among the points:

Don't apologize; this is a legal procedure.

No abortion method is acceptable to abortion opponents.

The language and graphics in the ads are disturbing to some readers. ''Much of the negative reaction, however, is the same reaction that might be invoked if one were to listen to a surgeon describing step-by-step almost any other surgical procedure involving blood, human tissue, etc.''

Late-abortion specialists

Only Dr. Haskell, James T. McMahon, MD. of Los Angeles, and a handful of other doctors perform the D&X procedure, which Dr. McMahon refers to as ''intact D&E.'' The

more common late-term abortion methods are the classic D&E and induction, which usually involves injecting digoxin or another substance into the fetal heart to kill it, then dilating the cervix and inducing labor.

Dr. Haskell, who owns abortion clinics in Cincinnati and Dayton, said he started performing D&Es for late abortions out of necessity. Local hospitals did not allow inductions pass 18 weeks, and he had no place to keep patients overnight while doing the procedure.

But the classic D&E, in which the fetus is broken apart inside the womb, carries the risk of perforation, tearing and hemorrhaging, he said. So he turned to the D&X, which he says is far less risky to the mother.

Dr. McMahon acknowledged that the procedure he, Dr. Haskell and a handful of other doctors use makes some people queasy. But he defends it. ''Once you decide the uterus must be emptied, you then have to have 100% allegiance to maternal risk. There's no justification to doing a more dangerous procedure because somehow this doesn't offend your sensibilities as much.''

Brochure cites N.Y. case

The four-page anti-abortion brochures also include a graphic depiction of the D&X procedure. But the cover features a photograph of 16-month-old Ana Rosa Rodriquez, whose right arm was severed during an abortion attempt when her mother was 7 months pregnant.

The child was born two days later, at 32 to 34 weeks' gestation. Abu Hayat, MD. of New York, was convicted of assault and performing an illegal abortion. He was sentenced to up to 29 years in prison for this and another related offense.

New York law bans abortions after 24 weeks, except to save the mother's life. The brochure states that Dr. Hayat never would have been prosecuted if the federal ''Freedom of Choice Act'' were in effect, because the act would invalidate the New York statute.

The proposed law would allow abortion for any reason until viability. But it would leave it up to individual practitoners—not the state—to define that point. Postviability abortions, however, could not be restricted if done to save a woman's life or health, including emotional health.

The abortion federation's Radford called the Hayat case ''an aberration'' and stressed that the vast majority of abortions occur within the first trimester. She also said that later abortions usually are done for reasons of fetal abnormality or maternal health.

But Douglas Johnston of the National Right to Life committee called that suggestion ''blatantly false.''

''The abortion practitioners themselves will admit the majority of their late-term abortions are elective,'' he said. ''People like Dr. Haskell are just trying to teach others how to do it more efficiently.''

Numbers game

Accurate figures on second- and third-trimester abortions are elusive because a number of states don't require doctors to report abortion statistics. For example, one-third of all abortions are said to occur in California, but the state has no reporting requirements. The Guttmacher Institute estimates there were nearly 168,000 second- and third-trimester abortions in 1988, the last year for which figures are available.

About 60,000 of those occurred in the 16- to 20-week period with 10,660 at week 21 and beyond the institute says. Estimates were based on actual gestational age, as opposed to last menstrual period.

There is particular debate over the number of third-trimester abortions. Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, MD, estimated in 1984 that 4,000 are performed annually. The abortion federation puts the number at 300 to 500. Dr. Haskell says that ''probably Koop's numbers are more correct.''

Dr. Haskell said he performs abortions ''up until about 25 weeks'' gestation, most of them elective. Dr. McMahon does abortions through all 40 weeks of pregnancy, but said he won't do an elective procedure after 26 weeks. About 80% of those he does after 21 weeks are nonelective, he said.

Mixed feelings

Dr. McMahon admits having mixed feelings about the procedure in which he has chosen to specialize.

''I have two positions that may be internally inconsistent, and that's probably why I fight with this all the time,'' he said.

''I do have moral compunctions. And if I see a case that's later, like after 20 weeks where it frankly is a child to me, I really agonize over it because the potential is so imminently there. I think, 'Gee, it's too bad that this child couldn't be adopted.'

''On the other hand, I have another position, which I think is superior in the hierarchy of questions, and that is: 'Who owns the child?' It's got to be the mother.''

Dr. McMahon says he doesn't want to ''hold patients hostage to my technical skill. I can say, 'No, I won't do that,' and then they're stuck with either some criminal solution or some other desperate maneuver.''

Dr. Haskell, however, says whatever qualms he has about third-trimester abortions are ''only for technical reasons, not for emotional reasons of fetal development.''

''I think it's important to distinguish the two,'' he says, adding that his cutoff point is within the viability threshold noted in Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. The decision said that point usually occurred at 28 weeks ''but may occur earlier, even at 24 weeks.''

Viability is generally accepted to be ''somewhere between 25 and 26 weeks,'' said Dr. Haskell. ''It just depends on who you talk to.

''We don't have a viability law in Ohio. In New York they have a 24-week limitation. That's how Dr. Hayat got in trouble. If somebody tells me I have to use 22 weeks, that's fine. . . . I'm not a trailblazer or activist trying to constantly press the limits.''

Campaign's impact debated

Whether the ad and brochures will have the full impact abortion opponents intend is yet to be seen.

Congress has yet to schedule a final showdown on the bill. Although it has already passed through the necessary committees, supporters are reluctant to move it for a full House and Senate vote until they are sure they can win.

In fact, House Speaker Tom Foley (D, Wash.) has said he wants to bring the bill for a vote under a ''closed rule'' procedure, which would prohibit consideration of amendments.

But opponents are lobbying heavily against Foley's plan. Among the amendments they wish to offer is one that would allow, but not require, states to restrict abortion—except to save the mother's life—after 24 weeks.

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, today I urge my colleagues to override President Clinton's veto of the most barbaric of abortion procedures. The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act will end this most cruel practice—a practice that even the American Medical Association's legislative council has publicly stated is, ''not a recognized medical technique.'' They also called this procedure, ''repulsive.'' I call it a cruel inhumane act—unfitting of a civilized society.

Abortion advocates argue that partial birth abortions are only used after 26 weeks of pregnancy in cases where the procedure is non-elective. But the abortionist's interpretation of non-elective has an enormous scope and includes: Severe fetal abnormality, Down's syndrome, cleft palate, pediatric pelvis—that is if the mother is under age 18, depression of the mother, and even ignorance of human reproduction.

Today, those who would support this horrible procedure tell us that it is not a common practice. Can anyone really take comfort in debating the number of babies subject to his death? And newly released information indicates that in New Jersey alone, over 1,500 partial birth abortions are performed annually—over three times the supposed national total. Whether it is a few hundred or tens of thousands or even one, wrong is wrong and no argument on how many will ever change that. A single life being taken in this way is reprehensible.

We as a society would not allow or condone the execution of a confessed, convicted mass murderer using this procedure. How could we in good conscience even consider its use against an innocent, unborn child.

The House has come so close to having the two-thirds majority necessary for a veto override. I say to my colleagues who have opposed this bill in the past—look again, deeply into your hearts, and I am sure you will come to the same conclusion that I have and act to end this terrible procedure.

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in very strong support of the vote today to override the President's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, and urge my colleagues to follow suit in finally banning this unethical abortion procedure.

Let me begin by saying, the question of whether partial-birth abortions are right or wrong goes far beyond whether an individual takes a pro-life or pro-choice stance. This debate is about using humane and ethical medical practices. Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said, ''Such a procedure cannot truthfully be called medically necessary for either the mother or for the baby.'' As compassionate human beings, we should not allow physicians to continue to perform this procedure, one that was simply created to make it easier and faster for them to perform late-term abortions.

During my time in Congress, I have always opposed abortion except to save the life of a mother. Opponents of this legislation continue to argue the procedure is necessary to saving the lives of many expectant mothers. However, they fail to recognize that H.R. 1833 explicitly provides that the ban ''shall not apply to a partial-birth abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness, or injury if no other medical procedure would suffice for that purpose.'' What the bill does is ban this procedure from being used electively, which a majority of those serving in Congress believes is the right and ethical thing to do.

The veto override of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act deserves the support of every Member of Congress, regardless of your stance on the issue of abortion. I urge all of my colleagues—Democrat, Republican, pro-life, and pro-choice—to seriously consider the morality of this procedure. In fact because of the sheer nature of the procedure, a number of historically pro-choice members of this body supported the ban on both occasions it was considered by the House of Representatives. Let us again join together in a bipartisan manner and override the veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the motion to override the President's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, H.R. 1833. I voted against H.R. 1833 earlier this year. Sadly, there are rare and tragic circumstances in which a woman may be advised by her doctor that this procedure is medically necessary to save her life or avoid dire consequences to her health.

H.R. 1833 does not contain an exception for saving the health of the mother, and could actually increase risks to the mother's health. The exception in H.R. 1833 also fails to cover cases where the mother could lose her ability to have more children.

However rare, tragic circumstances surrounding a woman's pregnancy do sometimes exist. A woman who faces this awful choice should make her decision in consultation with her family and her physician, and I feel strongly that Congress should not second-guess the medical advice of licensed doctors or the moral decisions of families in such devastating situations.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this motion to override the President's veto.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD:

AUSTRALIAN PLANNED PARENTHOOD DIRECTOR LISTS MANY REASONS FOR HIS PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTIONS

(By Douglas Johnson, NRLC Federal Legislative Director)

The medical director for Planned Parenthood of Australia has revealed that he uses the partial-birth abortion procedure as his ''method of choice'' for abortions done after 20 weeks (4½ months), and that he performs such abortions for a broad variety of social reasons.

These revelations by Dr. David Grundmann have provoked a storm of controversy in the state of Queensland, the large state that occupies northeastern Australia.

Dr. Grundmann performs abortions at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Brisbane, the capital of Queensland. He described his abortion practices in a paper that he presented on August 30, 1994, at a conference at Monash University.

In the paper, Dr. Grundmann wrote that ''abortion is an integral part of family planning. Theoretically this means abortion at any stage of gestation. Therefore I favor the availability of abortion beyond 20 weeks.''

Dr. Grundmann wrote that ''dilatation and extraction'' is his ''method of choice'' for performing abortions from 20 weeks on. ''Dilatation and extraction'' (or ''dilation and extraction'') is a term ''coined'' by Dr. Martin Haskell of Dayton, Ohio, for the partial-birth abortion procedure, in which a living baby is partly delivered feet first, after which the skull is punctured and the brain removed by suction.

Dr. Grundmann himself described the procedure in a television interview as ''essentially a breech delivery where the fetus is delivered feet first and then when the head of the fetus is brought down into the top of the cervical canal, it is decompressed with a puncturing instrument so that it fits through the cervical opening.''

In his 1994 paper, Dr. Grundmann listed several ''advantages'' of this method, such as that it ''can be performed under local and/or twi-light anesthetic'' with ''no need for narcotic analgesics,'' ''can be performed as an ambulatory out-patient procedure,'' and there is ''no-chance of delivering a live fetus.''

Among the ''disadvantages,'' Dr. Grundmann wrote, is ''the aesthetics of the procedure are difficult for some people, and therefore it may be difficult to get staff.''

Dr. Grundmann wrote that in Australia, late second-trimester abortion is available ''in many major hospitals, in most capital cities and large provincial centres'' in cases of ''lethal fetal abnormalities'' or ''gross fetal abnormalities,'' or ''risk to maternal life,'' including ''psychotic/suicidal behavior.''

However, Dr. Grundmann said, his Planned Parenthood clinic also offers the procedure after 20 weeks for women who fall into five additional ''categories'':

''Minor or doubtful fetal abnormalities.''

''Extreme material immaturity, i.e., girls in the 11 to 14 year age group.''

Women ''who do not know they are pregnant,'' for example, because of amenorrhea [irregular menstruation] ''in women who are very active such as athletes or those under extreme forms of stress, i.e., exam stress, relationship breakup . . .''

''Intellectually impaired women, who are unaware of basic biology . . .''

''Major life crises or major changes in socio-economic circumstances. The most common example of this is a planned or wanted pregnancy followed by the sudden death or desertion of the partner who is in all probability the bread winner.''

''Abortion beyond 20 weeks is unavailable anywhere in Australia, except at our [Planned Parenthood] clinics for the last 5 categories,'' Dr. Grundmann wrote. Under the heading ''What can be done to improve or expand this service?'' Dr. Grundmann wrote, ''Demystify abortion particularly late abortion by appropriate education of the population.''

Election Issue: Dr. Grundmann's paper has been publicized by the Queensland Right to Life Association, and it has produced considerable controversy over the past two years, Dr. David van Gend said in an interview with NRL News. Dr. van Gend, a Brisbane general practitioner, is the secretary of the Queensland chapter of the World Federation of Doctors Who Respect Human Life (WFDWRHL).

Dr. van Gend took Dr. Grundmann's paper to Michael Horan, a member of the Queensland Parliament, who was the ''shadow health minister'' for the National-Liberal Coalition, which at that time was the opposition to the ruling government, which was headed by Premier Wayne Goss of the Labor Party.

Beginning in October 1994, Mr. Horan strongly attacked Dr. Grundmann's abortion practices in speeches on the floor of the Parliament. Mr. Horan demanded that the Goss Government take strong action to stop Dr. Grundmann's late abortions, which, he argued, violate Queensland law.

''What will it mean for the conscience of society and its respect for the law, if people are vividly aware of such brutality, such illegality, and then they see their leaders do nothing about it?'' Mr. Horan said in one speech. ''More importantly, what will it mean for all the defenseless babies who, unlike their peers in the hospital nurseries, will never see a human face, never feel a human touch, except that tight grip on their legs and the stab to the head?''

However, for more than a year, the Goss Government refused to take any meaningful action. Leaders of the Coalition promised to take steps against Dr. Grundmann if they were placed in power, and this became a major issue in the February 1996 elections, in which the Goss Government lost power.

''The late-term abortion issue was the clearest issue distinguishing the parties in the February election,'' Dr. van Gend told NRL News. ''The Labor Government had refused to act against Dr. Grundmann, while the National-Liberal Coalition leaders promised to immediately investigate the matter.''

For example, Liberal Party leader Joan Sheldon said that the partial-birth abortions ''are horrific and should be stopped.''

When the Coalition took over the government, Michael Horan became the Minister of Health. Recently, the government has placed an investigation of Dr. Grundmann in the hands of the state Medical Board, which has quasi-judicial investigative punitive powers, Dr. van Gend said.

AMA Rebukes Grundmann: The Queensland Branch of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) formed a ''working party'' on late abortion, which interviewed Dr. Grundmann regarding his abortion practices in September 1995.

As quoted by Mr. Horan in his speeches in Parliament, during this interview Dr. Grundmann said he has performed the partial-birth abortion procedure as late as 26½ weeks (past 6 months).

''There is no stage of pregnancy at which I regard the fetus as my patient,'' Dr. Grundmann told the panel.

Dr. Grundmann told the panel that just that month he had aborted a baby at 23 weeks for severe cleft palate. When it was pointed out that this condition can be corrected by surgery, Dr. Grundmann replied that this depends on whether the woman wants to put ''her fetus'' through all that surgery.

In April 1996, the AMA Queensland Branch issued a formal policy statement that said,''There is a duty of care to the fetus in the late second trimester of pregnancy.'' Therefore, the organization ''opposes late second trimester termination of pregnancy except in the gravest of circumstances,'' these being ''lethal'' or ''severe'' fetal malformation or ''unequivocal risk to the life of the mother where no other medical procedure would suffice to save the mother.'' This was viewed as a rebuke to Dr. Grundmann.

Dr. van Gend said that in an interview with Dr. Grundmann, ''I asked him if there was not something cold and premeditated, even grotesque, about setting out to dilate the birth canal to 75% of the fetal skull diameter, in order to ensure the head will lodge in the cervix [the opening to the womb], in order to have leisure to push a puncturing instrument through that head, in order to ensure 'no chance of delivering a live fetus'—when by dilating the canal one more centimetre he would enable the baby to slip out and be given to the care of a pediatrician. His response was to the effect that he was there to terminate that pregnancy, not to put the woman's fetus in an incubator.''

Asked by a radio interviewer, ''At what point do you believe the fetus becomes a sentient being?,'' Dr. Grundmann responded, ''When it is born.''

Dr. van Gend told *NRL News,*''At no stage during the Australian debate over partial-birth abortions has Dr. Grundmann or anyone else tried to pretend that the baby is already dead before the head is punctured. The Baby is wide awake and fully sensitive.''

Dr. van Gend explained that in Queensland, statutory law generally prohibits abortion,

but a 1986 court ruling known as ''the McGuire ruling'' provides for exceptions in cases in which there is a ''serious'' danger to a woman's life or health, including mental health. Dr. Grundmann has asserted that all of his abortions fit under these criteria. However, in a 1995 civil case, a Queensland judge ruled, ''I disbelieve Dr. Grundmann's assertions that he honestly and sincerely applied that test before each and every abortion which he performed.''

''If Dr. Grundmann is ever prosecuted, a jury would be asked to decide whether these late abortions—for these reasons, by this method— are justified under our law,'' Dr. van Gend said.

Queensland law requires that a death certificate be filed for abortions performed after 20 weeks, which Dr. Grundmann wrote is ''certainly an inconvenience.''

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, recently, a physician asked exactly what we meant by the term, partial-birth abortion ban and instead of going through the grotesque explanation, we told her that she was right—we had been calling it by the wrong name. Late-term, or just plain abortion was probably more accurate.

However, one physician from my home State of Oklahoma said that she called it infanticide. No matter what you call it, this veto needs to be overridden.

Mr. Speaker, we are not talking about a medically proven treatment that is going to save thousands of lives. In fact, we are stating the exact opposite. This is not a medically necessary procedure. This is a gruesome execution.

We need to be a Congress that stands for right causes, right decisions, and plain old doing the right thing.

This late-term abortion—when the fetus is a viable baby—is the right thing for this Congress to do. It is commanded by anyone who believes in the sanctity of life.

We have had hundreds and hundreds of postcards, a petition with literally thousands of names of it and letters of support from Catholic bishops, evangelical pastors, and rabbis.

To my colleagues, I have to tell you: This is the right thing to do. Please vote to override the veto and stop this infanticide.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1833 and thus, in opposition to the misguided attempt to override the President's veto. I do so for many reasons, all of which I have stated before but will gladly reiterate in the hope of convincing those who might support this override attempt of the error of their actions.

The first is that in 1973, and more recently in 1992, the Supreme Court held that a woman has a constitutional right to choose whether or not to have an abortion. H.R. 1833 is a direct attack on the principles established in both Roe versus Wade and Planned Parenthood versus Casey.

H.R. 1833 is a direct challenge to Roe versus Wade (1973). This legislation would make it a crime to perform a particular abortion method utilized primarily after the 20th week of pregnancy. This legislation represents an unprecedented and unconstitutional attempt to ban abortion and interfere with a woman's right to choose and a physician's ability to provide the best medical care for their patients.

The second reason for my opposition is that H.R. 1833 would ban a range of late term abortion procedures that are used when a woman's health or life is threatened or when a fetus is diagnosed with severe abnormalities incompatible with life. Because H.R. 1833 does not use medical terminology, it fails to clearly identify which abortion procedures it seeks to prohibit, and as a result could prohibit physicians from using a range of abortion techniques, including those safest for the woman. If enacted, such a law would have a devastating effect on women who learn late in their pregnancies that their lives or health are at risk or that the fetuses they are carrying have severe, often fatal, anomalies.

The Republican Members of this body need look no further than their own party for women who have offered their own stories, as testimony to the need for such medical procedures.

Women like Coreen Costello, a loyal Republican and former abortion protester whose baby had a lethal neurological disease; Mary-Dorothy Lines, a conservative Republican who discovered her baby had severe hydrocephalus; and many others who needed this procedure to insure not only their health, but their ability to have more children in the future. These are the women who would be hurt by H.R. 1833—women and their families who face a terrible tragedy—the loss of a wanted pregnancy.

I heard first hand, during judiciary committee hearings, the pain of women who had this procedure. For hours we listened to their tales of emotional and physical suffering during their testimony.

In April, the President was joined by five women who were heartbroken to learn of their baby's fatal conditions. These women wanted their children more than life itself, but were advised that this procedure was their best chance to avert the risk of death or grave harm. He found their testimony moving, because for them, this was not about choice, but rather life. One of them described her predicament:

Our little boy had hydrocephally. All the doctors told us there was no hope. We asked about in utero surgery, about shunts to remove the fluid, but there was absolutely nothing we could do. I cannot express the pain we still feel. This was our precious little baby, and he was being taken from us before we even had him. This was not our choice, for not only was our son going to die, but the complications of the pregnancy put my health in danger, as well.

In Roe, the Supreme Court established that after viability, abortion may be banned by States as long as an exception is provided in cases in which the woman's life or health is at risk. H.R. 1833 provides no true exceptions for cases in which a banned procedure would be necessary to preserve a woman's life or health.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, this bill would create an unwarranted intrusion into the physician-patient relationship by preventing physicians from providing necessary medical care to their patients. It would further intrude into this sacred association by making doctors felons for doing that which they have taken an oath to do: protect the lives of their patients. I am incredulous that physicians will be seen as criminals in the eyes of the law for attempting to save the life of an innocent mother. Furthermore, it would impose a horrendous burden on families who are already facing a crushing personal situation.

In passing H.R. 1833, this Congress would set an undesirable precedent which goes way beyond the scope of the abortion debate. Will we someday be standing here debating the validity of a triple bypass or hip replacement procedure? Many of my colleagues decry the intrusion of the Federal Government into the lives of its citizens, but isn't interfering in the doctor-patient relationship one of the most intrusive actions that can be conceived?

This bill unravels the fundamental constitutional rights that American women have to receive medical treatment that they and their doctors have determined are safest and medically best for them. By seeking to ban a safe and accepted medical technique, Members of Congress are intruding directly into the practice of medicine and interfering with the ability of physicians and patients to determine the best course of treatment. The creation of felony penalties and Federal tort claims for the performance of a specific medical procedure would mark a dramatic and unprecedented expansion of congressional regulation of health care.

The determination of the medical need for, and effectiveness of, particular medical procedures must be left to the medical profession, to be reflected in the standard of care.

While these are my reasons for opposing H.R. 1833 and this veto override, I believe it is time to clear up some facts associated with the procedure being debated here.

To begin with, the term ''partial birth abortion'' is not found in any medical dictionaries, textbooks or coding manuals. The definition in H.R. 1833 is so vague as to be uninterpretable, yet chilling. Many OB/GYN's fear that this language could be interpreted to ban all abortions where the fetus remains intact. The supporters of this bill want to intimidate doctors into refusing to do abortions. Given the bill's vagueness, few doctors will risk going to jail in order to perform this procedure. As a result, women and their families will find it even more difficult, if not impossible, to find a doctor who will perform a late-term abortion, and women's lives will be put in even more jeopardy.

In addition, late term abortions are not common. Ninety-five and five tenths percent of abortions take place before 15 weeks. Only a little more than one-half of one percent take place at or after 20 weeks. Fewer than 600 abortions per year are done in the third trimester and all are done for reasons of life or health of the mother—severe heart disease, kidney, failure, or rapidly advancing cancer—and in the case of severe fetal abnormalities incompatible with life—no eyes, no kidneys, a heart with one chamber instead of four or large amounts of brain tissue missing or positioned outside of the skull, which itself may be missing.

An abortion performed in the last second trimester or in the third trimester of pregnancy is extremely difficult for everyone involved. However, when serious fetal anomalies are discovered late in a pregnancy, or the mother develops a life-threatening medical condition that is inconsistent with the continuation of the pregnancy, abortion—however heart-wrenching—may be medically necessary.

In such cases, the intact dilation and extraction procedure [IDE]—which would be outlawed by this bill—may provide substantial medical benefits. It is safer in several respects than the alternatives, maintaining uterine integrity, and reducing blood loss and other potential complications.

Let me set the record straight, no one is advocating the abuse of this process and those who would state differently are exaggerating the frequency and circumstances under which this procedure is done. I have great confidence in the American doctors and women to do the right thing and not use this procedure for nothing less than saving the life of the mother.

The decision to have an abortion is a very difficult one for any woman, and I do not understand how the many Members of this House, who will never face the possibility, can belittle the anguish that such a decision causes. The determination of whether abortion is appropriate for any individual is something that should be left up to herself, her family and her God. And I am sickened and appalled that so many Members of this usually honorable body would use this very private issue for political gain. How they can minimize the tragedy that befalls families when the loved and desired child is found to be inviable and the ability for the mother to bear future children is in great jeopardy, I do not know nor do I understand. During these times of misfortune, one calls upon one's spiritual strength and to think the Government would have the effrontery to intrude makes a mockery of the Constitution and an individual's right to privacy. In short, we are not advocating this procedure on demand or for feeble complaints regarding health or convenience. To deny physicians the ability to use all of their medical resources to avoid loss of life and save the mother would be to treat these women less than human.

The legislative process is ill-suited to evaluate complex medical procedures whose importance may vary with a particular patient's case and with the state of scientific knowledge. The mothers and families who seek late term abortions are already severely distressed. They do not want an abortion—they want a child. Tammy Watts told us that she would have done anything to save her child. She said, ''If I could have given my life for my child's I would have done it in a second.''

This bill is bad medicine, bad law, and bad policy. Women facing late term abortions due to risks to their lives, health or severe fetal abnormalities incompatible with life must be able to make this decision in consultation with their families, their physicians, and their God. Women do not need medical instruction from the Government. To criminalize a physician for using a procedure which he or she deems to be safest for the mother is tantamount to legislating malpractice. I urge my colleagues to do what is right and sustain the President's veto.

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am opposed to H.R. 1833 because I oppose any legislation that fails to provide for the health concerns of the mother when she and her doctor believe that her health is in jeopardy. This legislation does not provide an exception for serious health risks to the mother.

This procedure should only be used in cases where there is a serious risk to a woman's health and I believe the legislation could have been drafted to allow a limited exception for those cases in which it is truly necessary. In fact, Pennsylvania has such an exception in its abortion law. Under Pennsylvania law, all late-term abortions are prohibited, except in cases in which it is necessary to preserve the life of the mother or to ''prevent a substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function.'' Surely the supporters of this legislation could have written a health exception that would prohibit the procedure in most cases but that would allow women and their physicians, in the most limited and serious of cases, access to a procedure that will preserve both the life and health of the women involved.

Further, I am opposed to this legislation because I believe that medical decisions of this nature should be left to trained medical professionals, in consultation with their patients. I do not believe that this legislation, which forecloses medical options for women, belongs before the Congress. This Congress is not comprised of medical professionals with the knowledge or expertise to make medical judgments about appropriate treatment for women in these tragic circumstances. I believe that these judgments must be left in the hands of people who are trained to give medical guidance to their patients, and then the decision regarding the course of action to take must rest with women, their families, their physicians and their religious counselors—not with Congress.

I am ready to support legislation that limits this abortion procedure to the most serious of cases, but I am not prepared to ban it in those cases where it represents the best hope for a woman to avoid serious risk of her health.

Mr. BUNN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, over 300 physicians, including C. Everett Koop, have joined together to expose the misinformation campaign of the supporters of partial-birth abortion. I insert the facts provided by PHACT in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

A NATIONAL COALITION OF DOCTORS SAYS IT'S UNSAFE AND UNNECESSARY

The Physicians' Ad Hoc Coalition for Truth (PHACT) was formed because we, as physicians, can no longer stand by while abortion advocates, the President of the United States and the media continue to repeat false claims to members of Congress and to the public about partial-birth abortion. We are over 300 doctors strong, most specialists in obstetrics, gynecology, maternal/fetal medicine and pediatrics.

By congressional definition, partial-birth abortion is the killing of an infant who has already been partially delivered outside his or her mother's body. Medically, it is accomplished by pulling an infant feet-first out of the birth-canal until all but the head is exposed. The surgeon then forces scissors into the base of the baby's skull, spreads them, and inserts a suction catheter through which he suctions out the brain.

Congress, the public—but most importantly women—need to know that partial-birth abortion is never medically necessary to protect a mother's health or her future fertility.

On the contrary, this procedure can pose a significant threat to both. I the words of former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop: ''In no way can I twist my mind to see that partial birth—and then destruction of the unborn child before the head is born—is a medical necessity for the mother.''

Now you know the facts.

We urge you to tell your representatives to stop this unnecessary and dangerous procedure. The vote is this week. Please call now.

FORMER SURGEON GENERAL KOOP SEPARATES MEDICAL FACT FROM FICTION ON PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTIONS—KOOP: THE PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION IS ''IN NO WAY . . . A MEDICAL NECESSITY''

ALEXANDRIA, VA.—In a wide ranging interview with the American Medical News, former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop expressed his opposition to partial-birth abortions and declared that they are not medically necessary.

The former Surgeon General was asked about President Clinton's recent veto of a bill to ban partial-birth abortions and claims regarding the medical need for them. Following is Dr. Koop's response, reported in the August 19th issue of American Medical News:

''I believe that Mr. Clinton was misled by his medical advisers on what is fact and what is fiction in reference to late-term abortions. Because in no way can I twist my mind to see that the late-term abortion as described—you know, partial-birth, and then destruction of the unborn child before the head is born—is a medical necessity for the mother. It certainly can't be a necessity for the baby. So I am opposed to * * * partial birth abortions.''

Asked ''have you ever treated children with any of the disabilities cited in the debate? For example have you operated on children with organs outside of their bodies,'' Koop responded:

''Oh, yes indeed. I've done that many times. The prognosis is usually good. [With an] omphalocele * * * organs are out but still contained in the sac composed of the tissues of the umbilical cord. I have been repairing those since 1946. In fact, the first child I ever did, with a huge omphalocele much bigger than her head, went on to develop well and become the head nurse in my intensive care unit many years later.''

Dr. Koop's remarks echo over three hundred other medical professionals—leaders in the fields of obstetrics, gynecology and perinatology—who have joined the Physicians' Ad-hoc Coalition for Truth to help Americans and Congress understand that partial-birth abortion is never medically necessary, and in fact can threaten a mother's health and safety.

The Physicians' Ad-hoc Coalition for Truth (PHACT), with over three hundred members drawn from the medical community nationwide, exists to bring the medical facts to bear on the public policy debate regarding partial birth abortions. Members of the coalition are available to speak to public policy makers and the media. If you would like to speak with a member of PHACT, please contact Gene Tarne or Michelle Powers at 703–683–6004.

PHYSICIANS' AD HOC
COALITION FOR TRUTH,
Alexandria, VA, September 18, 1996.

DEAR MEMBER OF CONGRESS: We write to you as founding members of the Physicians' Ad-hoc Coalition for Truth (PHACT), an organization of over three hundred members drawn from the medical community nationwide—most ob/gyns, perinatologist and pediatricians—concerned and disturbed over the medical misinformation driving the partial-birth abortion debate. As doctors, we cannot remember another issue of public policy so directly related to the medical community that has been subject to such distortions and outright falsehoods.

The most damaging piece of medical disinformation that seems to be driving this debate is that the partial-birth abortion procedure may be necessary to protect the lives, health and future fertility of women. You have heard this claim most dramatically not from doctors, but from a handful of women who chose to have a partial-birth abortion when their children were diagnosed with some form of fetal abnormality.

As physicians who specialize in the care of pregnant women and their children, we have all treated women confronting the same tragic circumstances as the women who have publicly shared their experiences to justify

this abortion procedure. So as doctors intimately familiar with such cases, let us be very clear: the partial-birth abortion procedure, as described by Dr. Martin Haskell (the nation's leading practitioner of the procedure) and defined in the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, is never medically indicated and can itself pose serious risks to the health and future fertility of women.

There are simply no obstetrical situations encountered in this country which require a partially-delivered human fetus to be destroyed to preserve the life, health or future fertility of the mother. Not for hydrocephaly (excessive cerebrospinal fluid in the head); not for polyhydramnios (an excess of amniotic fluid collecting in the woman); and not for trisomy (genetic abnormalities characterized by an extra chromosome).

Our members concur with former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop's recent statement that ''in no way can I twist my mind to see that [partial-birth abortion] is a medical necessity for the mother.''

As case in point would be that of Ms. Coreen Costello, who has appeared several times before Congress to recount her personal experience in defense of this procedure. Her unborn child suffered from at least two conditions: ''polyhydramnios secondary to abnormal fetal swallowing,'' which causes amniotic fluid to collect in the uterus, and ''hydrocephalus'', a condition that causes an excessive amount of fluid to accumulate in the fetal head.

The usual treatment for removing the large amount of fluid in the uterus is a procedure called amniocentesis. The usual treatment for draining excess fluid from the fetal head is a procedure called cephalocentesis. In both cases the excess fluid is drained by using a thin needle that can be placed inside the womb through the abdomen (''transabdominally''—the preferred route) or through the vagina (''transvaginally.'') The transvaginal approach however, as performed by Dr. McMahon on Ms. Costello, puts the woman at an increased risk of infection because of the non-sterile environment of the vagina. Dr. McMahon used this approach most likely because he had no significant expertise in obstetrics and gynecology. After the fluid has been drained, and the head decreased in size, labor would be induced and attempts made to deliver the child vaginally. Given these medical realities, the partial-birth abortion procedure appropriate to address the medical complications described by Ms. Costello or any of the other women who were tragically misled into believing they had no other options.

Indeed, the partial-birth abortion procedure *itself* can pose both an immediate and significant risk to a woman's health and future fertility. To take just one example, to forcibly dilate a woman's cervix over the course of several days, as this procedure requires, risks creating an ''incompetent cervix,'' a leading cause of future premature deliveries. It seems to have escaped anyone's attention that one of the five women who appeared at President Clinton's veto ceremony who had a partial-birth abortion subsequently had five miscarriages.

The medical evidence is clear and argues overwhelmingly against the partial-birth abortion procedure. Given the medical realities, a truly pro-woman vote would be to end the availability of a procedure that is so potentially dangerous to women. The health status of women and children in this country can only be enhanced by your unequivocal support of H.R. 1833.

Thank you for your consideration.

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DOCTORS' GROUP PROMOTING MEDICAL FACTS ABOUT PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION QUICKLY SWELLS TO OVER 300 MEMBERS—MEDICAL SPECIALISTS NATIONWIDE STAND FIRM: PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION NEVER A MEDICAL NECESSITY

ALEXANDRIA, VA.—The Physicians Ad-hoc Coalition for Truth (PHACT) has quickly grown to over 300 doctors nationwide, actively promoting the fact that partial-birth abortions are never medically necessary.

PHACT was formed by medical professionals concerned about repeated medical misstatements about the procedure known as partial-birth abortion. The misleading and false information is potentially dangerous to women and their children.

Specialists from around the country in the fields of obstetrics, gynecology, perinatology (maternal and fetal medicine) and pediatric medicine have joined PHACT to correct misstatements and distortions rampant in the debate over partial-birth abortions, and to promote the fact that a partial-birth abortion is never medically necessary to protect the health of a woman or to protect her future fertility. In fact, the procedure can pose grave dangers to the woman, and is not recognized in the medical community.

Recently, former Surgeon General G. Everett Koop publicly confirmed that the partial birth abortions are not medically necessary procedures. During an interview published in 8/19/96 issue of American Medical News, Dr. Koop remarked ''I believe Mr. Clinton was misled by his medical advisors on what is fact and what is fiction in reference to late-term abortions. Because in no way can I twist my mind to see that late-term abortion as described—you know, the partial-birth, and then destruction of the unborn child before the head is born—is a medical necessity for the mother. It certainly can't be a necessity for the baby. So I am opposed to partial-birth abortions.''

The current PHACT membership of over 300 far surpasses the founding members' stated goal to attract 200 members. PHACT was formed in late July of this year, and held a Congressional briefing on July 24 as their debut event to educate Congress and the public on the medical facts about partial-birth abortion.

The Physicians' Ad-hoc Coalition for Truth (PHACT) exists to bring the medical facts to bear on the public policy debate regarding partial birth abortions. Members of the coalition are available to speak to public policy makers and the media. If you would like to speak with a member of PHACT, please contact Gene Tarne and Michelle Powers at 703–683–5004.

THE CASE OF COREEN COSTELLO—PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION WAS NOT A MEDICAL NECESSITY FOR THE MOST VISIBLE ''PERSONAL CASE'' PROPONENT OF PROCEDURE

Coreen Costello is one of five women who appeared with President Clinton when he vetoed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act (4/10/96). She has probably been the most active and the most visible of those women who have chosen to share with the public the very tragic circumstances of their pregnancies which, they say, made the partial-birth abortion procedure their only medical option to protect their health and future fertility.

But based on what Ms. Costello has publicly said so far, her abortion was not, in fact, medically necessary.

In addition to appearing with the President at the veto ceremony, Ms. Costello has twice recounted her story in testimony before both the House and Senate; the New York Times published an op-ed by Ms. Costello based on this testimony; she was featured in a full page ad in the Washington Post sponsored by several abortion advocacy groups; and, most recently (7/29/96) she has recounted her story for a ''Dear Colleague'' letter being circulated to House members by Rep. Peter Deutsch (FL).

Unless she were to decide otherwise, Ms. Costello's full medical records remain, of course, unavailable to the public, being a matter between her and her doctors. However, Ms. Costello has voluntarily chosen to share significant parts of her very tragic story with the general public and in very highly visible venues. Based on what Ms. Costello has revealed of her medical history—of her own accord and for the stated purpose of defeating the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act—doctors with PHACT can only conclude that Ms. Costello and others who have publicly acknowledged undergoing this procedure ''are honest women who were sadly misinformed and whose decision to have a partial-birth abortion was based on a great deal of misinformation'' (Dr. Joseph DeCook, Ob/Gyn, PHACT Congressional Briefing, 7/24/96). Ms. Costello's experience does not change the reality that a partial birth abortion is never medically indicated—in fact, there are available several alternative, standard medical procedures to treat women confronting unfortunate situations like Ms. Costello had to face.

The following analysis is based on Ms. Costello's public statements regarding events leading up to her abortion performed by the late Dr. James McMahon. This analysis was done by Dr. Curtis Cook, a perinatologist with the Michigan State College of Human Medicine and member of PHACT.

''Ms. Costello's child suffered from 'polyhydramnios secondary to fetal swallowing defect.' In other words, the child could not swallow the amniotic fluid, and an excess of the fluid therefore collected in the mother's uterus. Because of the swallowing defect, the child's lungs were not properly stimulated, and an underdevelopment of the lungs would likely be the cause of death if abortion had not intervened. The child had no significant chance of survival, but also would not likely die as soon as the umbilical cord was cut.

''The usual approach in such a case would be to reduce the amount of amniotic fluid collecting in the mother's uterus by serial amniocentesis. Excess fluid in the fetal ventricles could also be drained. Ordinarily, the draining would occur 'transabdominally.' Then the child would be vaginally delivered, after attempts were made to move the child into the usual, head-down position. Dr. McMahon, who performed the draining of cerebral fluid on Ms. Costello's child, did so 'transvaginally,' most likely because he had no significant expertise in obstetrics/gynecology. In other words, he would not be able to do it well transabdominally—the standard method used by ob/gyns—because that takes a degree of expertise he did not possess.

''Ms. Costello's statement that she was unable to have a vaginal delivery, or, as she called it, 'natural birth or an induced labor,'

is contradicted by the fact that she did indeed have a vaginal delivery, conducted by Dr. McMahon. What Ms. Costello had was a breech vaginal delivery for purposes of aborting the child, however, as opposed to a vaginal delivery intended to result in a live birth. A cesarean section in this case would not be medically indicated—not because of any inherent danger—but because the baby could be safely delivered vaginally.''

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Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to vote for the override of the President's veto of the partial birth abortion bill. I sponsored the original legislation because it would protect the sanctity of life and prevent the cruel and inhumane killing of unborn children.

We know all too well the arguments on both sides of this issue. Opponents of the bill argue that the partial birth abortion procedure does not exist because it is only used to deliver babies who are already dead. This argument is nonsensical because the definition of a partial birth abortion requires the partial delivery of a fetus which is still alive. A living fetus is viable and we should respect its humananity.

Another argument offered by those who oppose the bill is that this procedure is rare and utilized only in dire circumstances, when the baby is defective or the mother's life is in danger. This is not true. Many doctors admit that partial birth abortions are elective and are quite common. There are many reasons why women have late-term abortions. Some cite the lack of money or adequate health insurance to support the child. Others may have social or psychological problems which hinder their ability to go to full term on their pregnancy.

No matter what reasons are cited, this brutal and senseless procedure should never be allowed.

We can certainly find humane ways to deal with whatever reasons or undue burdens which cause women to resort to partial birth abortions. But we should not, as a nation, sanction this procedure: it is wrong, wrong, wrong.

For me and the people of Guam whom I represent, the importance of childbearing and the worth of children in our culture are cornerstones for sustaining family values. For us, abortion is not an option; it is something we vigorously oppose because it destroys our concept of family preservation.

I join the U.S. Catholic Conference, a number of antiabortion groups, and a majority of my colleagues in the House in supporting the overturn of the veto on this important legislation. This is not a constitutional issue, nor a health policy issue—this is an issue of protecting children who are killed before they are given a chance to experience their humanity.

Mr. BEILENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the ill-advised attempt to override the President's veto of H.R. 1833.

The President's veto should be sustained—especially because this is a bill that, on the pretense of seeking to ban certain vaguely defined abortion procedures, is in reality an assault on the constitutionally guaranteed right of women to reproductive freedom and on the freedom of physicians to practice medicine without government intrusion.

This legislation would be a direct blow to the fight many of us led for many, many years to secure—and then to preserve and to protect—the right of every woman to choose a safe medical procedure to terminate a wanted pregnancy that has gone tragically wrong, and when her life or health are endangered.

The President correctly vetoed the legislation because it does not contain a true life and health exception provision. It does contain an extremely narrow life exception, and it requires further that no other medial procedure would suffice. But it provides no exception at all to preserve the woman's health, no matter how seriously or permanently it will be damaged.

This exception is obviously a basic and fundamental concern to women and their families. Without it, the bill will force a woman and her physician to resort to procedures that may be more dangerous to the woman's health—and to her very life—and that may be more threatening to her ability to bear other children, than the method banned.

If this exception had been included, the bill would have at least shown some respect for the paramount importance of a woman's life, health, and future fertility.

The truth is, however, that we have absolutely no business considering this prohibition and criminalization of a constitutionally protected medical procedure.

This is a dangerous piece of legislation. It is the first time the Federal Government would ban a particular method of abortion, and it is part of an effort to make it almost impossible for any abortion to be performed late in a pregnancy—no matter how endangered the mother's life or health might be.

At stake here is whether or not we will be compassionate enough to recognize that none of us in this legislative body has all the answers to every tragic situation.

We are debating not merely whether to outlaw a procedure, but under what terms. If legislation must be passed that is unprecedented in telling physicians which medical procedures they may not, despite their own best judgment, use, then it must permit a life or adverse health exception. That is the only way that the legislation might possibly meet the requirements that have been handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Speaker, on a personal note, I authored California's Therapeutic Abortion Act, which was one of the first laws in the Nation to protect the lives and health of women. Members may recall that then Gov. Ronald Reagan signed my legislation into law in 1967. That was a difficult and hard-won fight; it helped, I believe, save the lives of several million women, and as I look back on my legislative career, it is the legislation I am most proud of.

When the U.S. Supreme Court ruled subsequently that the Government cannot restrict abortion in cases where it is necessary to preserve a woman's life or health, I believed that we had come to at least accept the precept that every woman should have the right to choose, with her family and her physician, but without government interference, and when her life and health are endangered, how to deal with this most personal and difficult decision.

I see now that I was obviously wrong, because this Congress is willing even to criminalize for the first time a safe medical procedure that is used only very, very rarely and to end the most tragic of pregnancies. These are situations that are so desperate that it is hard to understand why most people, except those who are opposed to abortion under any circumstance at all, would not be able to understand that these are the very situations that should be protected.

This is not a moderate measure, Mr. Speaker. It is an absolute tragedy for women and their families who could very well find themselves in the very desperate and tragic situation of other women who have had the courage to talk about the seriously defective pregnancies they had to end if they were to live or to protect their health and future fertility.

We are talking about making a crime a medical procedure that is used only in very rare cases—fewer than 500 a year. It is a procedure that is needed only as a last resort, in cases where pregnancies that were planned, and that are wanted, have gone tragically wrong.

Choosing to have an abortion is always a terribly difficult and awful decision for a family to make. But we are dealing here with particularly wrenching decisions in particularly tragic circumstances. It seems to me that it would be more than fitting if we showed restraint and compassion for women who are facing those devastating decisions.

Mr. Speaker, we should uphold the President's veto of this legislation that is unwise, unconstitutional, and terrible public policy that would return us to the dangerous situation that existed over 30 years ago.

Mr. McDADE. Mr. Speaker, today the House of Representatives has the opportunity to stop the appalling practice known as partial-birth abortion. I cosponsored and supported the legislation to ban partial-birth abortions both because I am committed to protecting the rights of the unborn and because they are particularly morally repugnant.

I will vote to override the President's veto and encourage my colleagues to join me so that H.R. 1833, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act can be enacted.

A partial-birth abortion is not, as President Clinton would have us believe, an ordinary medical procedure. It is a gruesome practice which pulls a baby from its mother's womb and ends its life.

There is no gray area in this debate. This heinous practice—coming very late in the pregnancy—is clearly the killing of a human baby.

Thousands of Americans have written and called this House to plead that we enact the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act and protect the right to life of these late-term children. I pray that we will hear their plea and override the President's veto.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. Speaker, I strongly support overriding President Clinton's veto of H.R. 1833, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act.

The President's veto of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act is morally indefensible and his reason for vetoing the bill does not hold up under closer scrutiny. The President claims this abortion procedure is necessary, in fact, the ''only way,'' for women with certain prenatal complications to avoid serious physical damage, including the ability to bear further

children. If this is true, then why is partial-birth abortion not taught in a single medical residency program anywhere in the United States? Why is it not recognized as an accepted surgery by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists? Actually, the American Medical Association's legislative council voted unanimously to endorse the partial-birth abortion ban.

The fact is, a partial-birth abortion is never necessary to preserve the health of future fertility of the mother. However, you do not have to take my word for it, listen to what former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop has to say on the subject. Mr. Koop stated:

I believe that Mr. Clinton was misled by his medical advisors on what is fact and what is fiction in reference to late-term abortions. Because in no way can I twist my mind to see that the late-term abortions as described—you know, partial birth, and then destruction of the unborn child before the head is born—is a medical necessity for the mother.

The dangerous reality is, according to undisputed expert medical testimony given before the House Subcommittee on the Constitution, the partial-birth abortion can be harmful to the mother in several ways. First, the cervix must be forcefully dilated, threatening future pregnancies by weakening the cervix. Next, the surgeon's hand must be inserted into the uterus to turn the baby around. This maneuver is so dangerous that it has been avoided in obstetrical practice for decades. Finally, the removal of the baby's brain while the head remains in utero may expose sharp fragments of bone. Uterine laceration and severe hemorrhaging may result.

The difference between a partial-birth abortion and homicide is a mere three inches. A society that strives for civility should not tolerate such barbarism.

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1833, which will stop the senseless and inhumane practice of partial birth abortions.

Patial birth abortions are gruesome, they are horrific and they are wrong.

I voted in favor of H.R. 1833 on November 1, 1995 and again on March 27, 1996. Today, I continue my support for this much-needed legislation by once again voting for H.R. 1833—and voting to override the President's veto.

Critics of this bill say the majority of these procedures are health related. Yet documents obtained by the committees studying this issue show that the majority of late-term abortions are not done for medical reasons at all.

Critics of this measure say it will harm mothers whose babies pose a life-threatening hazard to their health. Yet H.R. 1833 contains an exception that protects the mother if her life is in danger. This exception allows the procedure if it is ever ''necessary to save the life of a woman whose life is endangered by a physician disorder, illness, or injury, provided that no other medical procedure would suffice for that purpose.''

We must, as a society, move to address this issue with compassion and with courage. The destruction of human life that results from a partial birth abortion must stop now. I am pleased to join my colleagues in voting to end this unnecessary and unethical procedure.

Mr. Christensen. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in favor of overriding the President's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

I was honored to be an original cosponsor of this legislation because it takes a stand against the most horrid abuses of the abortion industry—abortions that are committed on a child that is partially born before the abortionist kills the child.

This procedure is so indefensible that its proponents have been left to medical distortions and falsehoods to defend their position.

According to Dr. Nancy Romer, of Wright State University, ''there is no medical evidence that the partial birth abortion procedure is safer or necessary to provide comprehensive health care to women.'' Dr. Romer dealt with the medical issues surrounding this procedure in greater detail in an op-ed in today's Wall Street Journal, and I submit it for the RECORD.

I believe that each of us—not just as Members of Congress but as citizens and as human beings—has a moral obligation to stand up in defense of our Nation's children and put an end to this horrible procedure, and I urge my colleagues to support over-riding the President's veto.

[From the Wall Street Journal, Sept. 19, 1996]

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION IS BAD MEDICINE

(By Nancy Romer, Pamela Smith, Curtis R. Cook, and Joseph L. DeCook)

The House of Representatives will vote in the next few days on whether to override President Clinton's veto of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act. The debate on the subject has been noisy and rancorous. You've heard from the activists. You've heard from the politicians. Now may we speak?

We are the physicians who, on a daily basis, treat pregnant women and their babies. And we can no longer remain silent while abortion activists, the media and even the president of the United States continue to repeat false medical claims about partial-birth abortion. The appalling lack of medical credibility on the side of those defending this procedure has forced us—for the first time in our professional careers—to leave the sidelines in order to provide some sorely needed facts in a debate that has been dominated by anecdote, emotion and media stunts.

Since the debate on this issue began, those whose real agenda is to keep all types of abortion legal—at any stage of pregnancy, for any reason—have waged what can only be called an orchestrated misinformation campaign.

First the National Abortion Federation and other pro-abortion groups claimed the procedure didn't exist. When a paper written by the doctor who invented the procedure was produced, abortion proponents changed their story, claiming the procedure was only done when a women's life was in danger. Then the same doctor, the nation's main practitioner of the technique, was caught—on tape—admitting that 80% of his partial-birth abortions were ''purely elective.''

Then there was the anesthesia myth. The American public was told that it wasn't the abortion that killed the baby, but the anesthesia administered to the mother before the procedure. This claim was immediately and thoroughly denounced by the American Society of Anesthesiologists, which called the claim ''entirely inaccurate.'' Yet Planned Parenthood and its allies continued to spread the myth, causing needless, concern among our pregnant patients who heard the claims and were terrified that epidurals during labor, or anesthesia during needed surgeries, would kill their babies.

The latest baseless statement was made by President Clinton himself when he said that if the mothers who opted for partial-birth abortions had delivered their children naturally, the women's bodies would have been ''eviscerated'' or ''ripped to shreds'' and they ''could never have another baby.''

That claim is totally and completely false. Contrary to what abortion activists would have us believe, partial-birth abortion is never medically indicated to protect a women's health or her fertility. In fact, the opposite is true: The procedure can pose a significant and immediate threat to both the pregnant women's health and her fertility. It seems to have escaped anyone's attention that one of the five women who appeared at Mr. Clinton's veto ceremony had five miscarriages after her partial-birth abortion.

Consider the dangers inherent in partial-birth abortion, which usually occurs after the fifth month of pregnancy. A women's cervix is forcibly dilated over several days, which risks creating an ''incompetent cervix,'' the leading cause of premature delivers. It is also an invitation to infection, a major cause of infertility. The abortionist then reaches into the womb to pull a child feet first out of the mother (internal podalic version), but leaves the head inside. Under normal circumstances, physicians avoid breech births whenever possible; in this case, the doctor intentionally causes one—and risks tearing the uterus in the process. He then forces scissors through the base of the baby's skull—which remains lodged just within the birth canal. This is a partially ''blind'' procedure, done by feel, risking direct scissor injury to the uterus and laceration of the cervix or lower uterine segment, resulting in immediate and massive bleeding and the threat of shock or even death to the mother.

None of this risk is ever necessary for any reason. We and many other doctors across the U.S. regularly treat women whose unborn children suffer the same conditions as those cited by the women who appeared at Mr. Clinton's veto ceremony. Never is the partial-birth procedure necessary. Not for hydrocephaly (excessive cerebrospinal fluid in the head), not for polyhydramnios (an excess of amniotic fluid collecting in the women) and not for trisomy (genetic abnormalities characterized by an extra chromosome). Sometimes, as in the case of hydrocephaly, it is first necessary to drain some of the fluid from the baby's head. And in some cases, when vaginal delivery is not possible, a doctor performs a Caesarean section. But in no case is it necessary to partially deliver an infant through the vagina and then kill the infant.

How telling it is that although Mr. Clinton met with women who claimed to have needed partial-birth abortions on account of these conditions, he has flat-out refused to meet with women who delivered babies with these same conditions, with no damage whatsoever to their health or future fertility.

Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop was recently asked whether he'd ever operated on children who had any of the disabilities described in this debate. Indeed he had. In fact, one of his patients—''with a huge omphalocele [a sac containing the baby's organs] much bigger than her head''—went on to become the head nurse in his intensive care unit many years later.

Mr. Koop's reaction to the president's veto? ''I believe that Mr. Clinton was misled by his medical advisers on what is fact and what is fiction'' on the matter, he said. Such a procedure, he added, cannot truthfully be called medically necessary for either the mother or—he scarcely need point out—for the baby.

Considering these medical realities, one can only conclude that the women who thought they underwent partial-birth abortions for ''medical'' reasons were tragically misled. And those who purport to speak for women don't seem to care.

So whom are you going to believe? The activist-extremists who refuse to allow a little truth to get in the way of their agenda? The politicians who benefit from the activists' political action committees? Or doctors who have the facts?

[From the National Right to Life Committee, Inc., Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1996]

TWO MAJOR NEWSPAPERS DISCREDIT KEY CLAIMS OF WHITE HOUSE AND OTHER FOES OF PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN

WASHINGTON.—The U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to vote as early as Thursday, September 19, on whether to override President Clinton's veto of a bill to ban partial-birth abortions (except to save a mother's life). This week, two daily newspapers—the Washington Post and the Record of Bergen County, New Jersey—have published investigative reports that discredit false claims by the White House and pro-abortion advocacy groups that partial-birth abortions are ''extremely rate'' and are performed only or mainly in cases of risk to the mother or lethal disorders of the fetus/baby.

The Record's investigative report, titled ''the Facts on Partial-Birth Abortions,'' was written by ''women's issues'' staff writer Ruth Padawer and published on September 15. The Record quoted the insistent claims of pro-abortion advocacy groups that partial-birth procedures are performed in rare and medically dire circumstances, before reporting: ''But interviews with physicians who use the method reveal that in New Jersey alone, at least 1,500 partial-birth abortions are performed each year''—triple the 450–500 number which the National Abortion Federation (NAF), a lobby for abortion clinics, has claimed occur in the entire country.

The Record reported, ''Doctors at Metropolitan Medical in Englewood [New Jersey] estimate that their clinic alone performs 3,000 abortions a year on fetuses between 20 and 24 weeks [i.e., 4½ to 5½ months], of which at least half are intact dilation and evacuation'' [i.e., partial-birth abortion]. The abortion doctors at the Englewood facility ''say only a 'minuscule amount' are for medical reasons,'' the Record reported.

''We have an occasional amnio abnormality, but it's a minuscule amount,'' said one of the doctors at Metropolitan Medical, an assessment confirmed by another doctor there. ''Most are Medicaid patients, black and white, and most are for elective, not medical, reasons: people who didn't realize, or didn't care, how far along they were. Most are teenagers.''

The September 17 edition of the Washington Post contained the results of an investigation conducted by reporters Barbara Vobejda and David M. Brown, M.D., who concluded:

It is possible—and maybe even likely—that the majority of these [partial-birth] abortions are performed on normal fetuses, not on fetuses suffering genetic or other developmental abnormalities. Furthermore, in most cases where the procedure is used, the physical health of the woman whose pregnancy is being terminated is not in jeopardy. . . . Instead, the ''typical'' patients tend to be young, low-income women, often poorly educated or naive, whose reasons for waiting so long to end their pregnancies are rarely medical.

In addition to the abortionists at the Metropolitan Medical facility, the Record learned of at least five other doctors performing partial-birth abortions in the region: ''Another metropolitan area doctor who works outside New Jersey said he does about 260 post-20-week abortions a year, of which half are by intact D&E. The doctor, who is also a professor at two prestigious teaching hospitals, said he has been teaching intact D&E since 1981, and he said he knows of two former students on Long Island and two in New York City who use the procedure.''

Both articles unfairly say that leading supporters of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act have implied that partial-birth abortions are performed primarily during the last three months of pregnancy. In truth, it has been opponents of the bill, including President Clinton, who have tried to narrow the focus of the debate to ''third trimester'' procedures. In contrast, NRLC has publicly and consistently challenged attempts to characterize the bill as a ban on primarily ''third trimester'' procedures, and has stressed that most partial-birth abortions are performed from 20 to 26 weeks—4½ to 6 months—for entirely non-medical reasons. At even 24 weeks, an unborn baby is (on average) 10 inches long, and if born prematurely has a one-in-three chance of survival in a neonatal unit.

[However, it is also well documented that many partial-birth abortions have been performed even after 26 weeks (i.e., during the third trimester), and in a variety of circumstances besides ''severe fetal anomalies.'' Indeed, in a 1995 written submission to the House Judiciary Committee, the late Dr. James McMahon indicated that even at 29–30 weeks, fully one-fourth of the partial-birth abortions that he performed were on fetuses with no ''flaw'' whatever.]

A questionnaire submitted to candidates by the U.S. Catholic Conference, published on September 16, asked, ''What is your position on a law banning partial-birth abortion?'' The Clinton campaign responded: ''If Congress sends the president a bill that bars third-trimester abortions with an appropriate exception for life or health, the president would sign it.'' [emphasis added] By limiting this commitment to ''third-trimester'' abortions, Mr. Clinton's ''restriction'' effectively excludes most partial-birth abortions. Moreover, as the Washington Post reported in its Sept. 17 examination of the issue, the Supreme Court has defined ''health'' abortions to include those performed ''in the light of all factors—physical, emotional, psychological, familial and the woman's age.'' The Post's reporters accurately concluded, ''Because of this definition, life-threatening conditions need not exist in order for a woman to get a third-trimester abortion.'' [Sept. 17 Washington Post Health, page 17]

In an advertisement published today in USA Today and other newspapers, the Physicians' Ad Hoc Coalition for Truth (PHACT), a coalition of about 300 medical specialists including former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, says emphatically that even in cases involving severe fetal disorders, ''partial-birth abortion is never medically necessary to protect a mother's health or her future fertility.''

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). All time having expired, without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, Will the House, on reconsideration, pass the bill, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

Under the Constitution, the vote must be determined by the yeas and nays.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 285, nays 137, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 422]

YEAS—285

Allard	Gephardt	Myrick
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Baker (LA)	Goodling	Nussle
Ballenger	Gordon	Oberstar
Barcia	Goss	Obey
Barr	Graham	Ortiz
Barrett (NE)	Greene (UT)	Orton
Barrett (WI)	Gunderson	Oxley
Bartlett	Gutknecht	Packard
Barton	Hall (OH)	Parker
Bass	Hall (TX)	Paxon
Bateman	Hamilton	Payne (VA)
Bereuter	Hancock	Peterson (MN)
Bevill	Hansen	Petri
Bilbray	Hastert	Pombo
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Buyer	Istook	Ros-Lehtinen
Callahan	Jacobs	Roth
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Castle	Jones	Sanford
Chabot	Kanjorski	Saxton
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Collins (GA)	Klink	Sisisky
Combest	Klug	Skeen
Condit	Knollenberg	Skelton
Cooley	LaFalce	Smith (MI)
Costello	LaHood	Smith (NJ)
Cox	Largent	Smith (TX)
Cramer	Latham	Smith (WA)
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DeLay	Livingston	Talent
Diaz-Balart	LoBiondo	Tanner
Dickey	Lucas	Tate
Dingell	Manton	Tauzin
Doolittle	Manzullo	Taylor (MS)
Dornan	Martinez	Taylor (NC)
Doyle	Martini	Tejeda
Dreier	Mascara	Thomas
Duncan	McCollum	Thornberry
Dunn	McCrery	Tiahrt
Ehlers	McDade	Traficant
Ehrlich	McHale	Upton
English	McHugh	Visclosky
Ensign	McInnis	Volkmer
Everett	McIntosh	Vucanovich
Ewing	McKeon	Walker
Fawell	McNulty	Walsh
Flake	Metcalf	Wamp
Flanagan	Mica	Watts (OK)
Foglietta	Miller (FL)	Weldon (FL)
Foley	Minge	Weldon (PA)
Forbes	Moakley	Weller
Fowler	Molinari	White
Fox	Mollohan	Whitfield
Franks (NJ)	Montgomery	Wicker
Frisa	Moorhead	Wolf
Funderburk	Moran	Young (AK)
Gallegly	Murtha	Young (FL)
Gekas	Myers	Zeliff

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Andrews	Gejdenson	Pastor
Baldacci	Gibbons	Payne (NJ)
Becerra	Gilman	Pelosi
Beilenson	Gonzalez	Pickett
Bentsen	Green (TX)	Rangel
Berman	Greenwood	Reed
Bishop	Gutierrez	Richardson
Blumenauer	Harman	Rivers
Boehlert	Hastings (FL)	Rose
Boucher	Hilliard	Roybal-Allard
Brown (CA)	Hinchey	Rush
Brown (FL)	Horn	Sabo
Brown (OH)	Hoyer	Sanders
Bryant (TX)	Jackson (IL)	Sawyer
Campbell	Jackson-Lee (TX)	Schroeder
Cardin	Johnson (CT)	Schumer
Chapman	Johnson, E.B.	Scott
Clay	Kelly	Serrano
Clayton	Kennedy (MA)	Shays
Clyburn	Kennelly	Skaggs
Coleman	Kolbe	Slaughter
Collins (IL)	Lantos	Stark
Collins (MI)	Levin	Stokes
Conyers	Lewis (GA)	Studds
Coyne	Lofgren	Thompson
Cummings	Lowey	Thurman
DeFazio	Luther	Torkildsen
DeLauro	Maloney	Torres
Dellums	Markey	Torricelli
Deutsch	Matsui	Towns
Dixon	McCarthy	Velazquez
Doggett	McDermott	Vento
Dooley	McKinney	Ward
Durbin	Meehan	Waters
Edwards	Meek	Watt (NC)
Engel	Menendez	Waxman
Eshoo	Meyers	Williams
Evans	Millender-McDonald	Wilson
Farr	Miller (CA)	Wise
Fattah	Mink	Woolsey
Fazio	Morella	Wynn
Filner	Nadler	Yates
Ford	Olver	Zimmer
Frank (MA)		
Franks (CT)		

NOT VOTING—12

Dicks	Ganske	Lincoln
Fields (LA)	Hayes	Longley
Fields (TX)	Heineman	Peterson (FL)
Furse	Johnston	Thornton

□ 1414

The Clerk announced the following pairs:

On this vote:

Mr. Hayes and Mr. Ganske for, with Ms. Furse against.

Mr. Longley and Mr. Fields of Texas for, with Mr. Johnston of Florida against.

Mr. DOGGETT changed his vote from ''yea'' to ''nay.''

So, two-thirds having voted in favor thereof, the bill was passed, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Clerk will notify the Senate of the action of the House.

□ 1415

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE—RESOLUTION REQUIRING THAT INVESTIGATION INTO MATTERS SURROUNDING COMPLAINT ON REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD GEPHARDT BE ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL COUNSEL

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to notice given earlier this day, under rule IX, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 524) raising a question of the privileges of the House, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 524

Whereas, a complaint filed against Representative GEPHARDT alleges House Rules have been violated by Representative GEPHARDT's concealment of profits gained through a complex series of real estate tax exchanges and;

Whereas, the complaint also alleges possible violations of banking disclosure and campaign finance laws or regulations and;

Whereas, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has in complex matters involving complaints hired outside counsel with expertise in tax laws and regulations and;

Whereas, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct is responsible for determining whether Representative GEPHARDT's financial transactions violated standards of conduct or specific rules of House of Representatives and;

Whereas, the complaint against Representative GEPHARDT has been languishing before the committee for more than seven months and the integrity of the ethics process and the manner in which Members are disciplined is called into question; now be it

Resolved that the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct is authorized and directed to hire a special counsel to assist in the investigation of this matter.

Resolved that all relevant materials presented to, or developed by, the committee to date on the complaint be submitted to a special counsel, for review and recommendation to determine whether the committee should proceed to a preliminary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The resolution constitutes a question of privilege under rule IX.

MOTION TO TABLE OFFERED BY MR. ARMEY

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. ARMEY moves to lay the resolution on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to table offered by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote. A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 395, noes 9, answered ''present'' 10, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 423]

AYES—395

Abercrombie	Bartlett	Boehlert
Ackerman	Barton	Boehner
Allard	Bass	Bonilla
Andrews	Bateman	Bonior
Archer	Becerra	Bono
Armey	Beilenson	Boucher
Bachus	Bentsen	Brewster
Baesler	Bereuter	Browder
Baker (CA)	Berman	Brown (CA)
Baker (LA)	Bevill	Brown (FL)
Baldacci	Bilbray	Brown (OH)
Ballenger	Bilirakis	Brownback
Barcia	Bishop	Bryant (TN)
Barr	Bliley	Bryant (TX)
Barrett (NE)	Blumenauer	Bunn
Barrett (WI)	Blute	Bunning
Burr	Gordon	Metcalf
Burton	Graham	Mica
Buyer	Green (TX)	Millender-McDonald
Callahan	Greene (UT)	Miller (CA)
Calvert	Greenwood	Miller (FL)
Camp	Gunderson	Minge
Campbell	Gutierrez	Mink
Canady	Gutknecht	Moakley
Castle	Hall (OH)	Molinari
Chabot	Hall (TX)	Mollohan
Chambliss	Hamilton	Montgomery
Chapman	Hancock	Moorhead
Chenoweth	Hansen	Moran
Christensen	Harman	Morella
Chrysler	Hastert	Murtha
Clay	Hastings (FL)	Myers
Clayton	Hastings (WA)	Myrick
Clement	Hayworth	Nadler
Clinger	Hefley	Neal
Clyburn	Hefner	Nethercutt
Coble	Herger	Neumann
Coburn	Hilleary	Ney
Coleman	Hilliard	Norwood
Collins (GA)	Hinchey	Nussle
Collins (IL)	Hoekstra	Oberstar
Collins (MI)	Hoke	Obey
Combest	Horn	Olver
Condit	Hostettler	Ortiz
Costello	Houghton	Orton
Cox	Hoyer	Owens
Coyne	Hunter	Oxley
Cramer	Hutchinson	Packard
Crane	Hyde	Pallone
Crapo	Inglis	Parker
Cremeans	Istook	Pastor
Cubin	Jackson (IL)	Paxon
Cummings	Jackson-Lee (TX)	Payne (NJ)
Cunningham	Jacobs	Payne (VA)
Danner	Jefferson	Peterson (MN)
Davis	Johnson (SD)	Petri
de la Garza	Johnson, E. B.	Pickett
Deal	Johnson, Sam	Pombo
DeFazio	Jones	Pomeroy
DeLauro	Kasich	Porter
DeLay	Kelly	Portman
Dellums	Kennedy (MA)	Poshard
Deutsch	Kennelly	Pryce
Diaz-Balart	Kildee	Radanovich
Dickey	Kim	Rahall
Dingell	King	Ramstad
Dixon	Kingston	Rangel
Doggett	Kleczka	Reed
Dooley	Klug	Regula
Doolittle	Knollenberg	Richardson
Dornan	Kolbe	Riggs
Dreier	LaFalce	Rivers
Duncan	LaHood	Roberts
Dunn	Lantos	Roemer
Durbin	Largent	Rogers
Edwards	Latham	Rohrabacher
Ehlers	LaTourette	Ros-Lehtinen
Ehrlich	Laughlin	Rose
Engel	Lazio	Roth
English	Leach	Roukema
Ensign	Levin	Roybal-Allard
Eshoo	Lewis (CA)	Royce
Evans	Lewis (GA)	Rush
Everett	Lewis (KY)	Sabo
Ewing	Lightfoot	Salmon
Farr	Linder	Sanders
Fattah	Lipinski	Sanford
Fawell	Livingston	Saxton
Fazio	LoBiondo	Scarborough
Filner	Lofgren	Schaefer
Flake	Lowey	Schroeder
Flanagan	Lucas	Schumer
Foglietta	Luther	Scott
Foley	Maloney	Seastrand
Forbes	Manton	Sensenbrenner
Ford	Manzullo	Serrano
Fowler	Markey	Shadegg
Fox	Martinez	Shaw
Frank (MA)	Martini	Shays
Franks (CT)	Mascara	Shuster
Franks (NJ)	Matsui	Sisisky
Frelinghuysen	McCarthy	Skaggs
Frisa	McCollum	Skeen
Frost	McCrery	Skelton
Funderburk	McDade	Slaughter
Gallegly	McHugh	Smith (MI)
Gejdenson	McInnis	Smith (NJ)
Gekas	McIntosh	Smith (TX)
Geren	McKeon	Smith (WA)
Gilchrest	McKinney	Solomon
Gillmor	McNulty	Souder
Gilman	Meehan	Spence
Gonzalez	Meek	Spratt
Goodlatte	Menendez	Stark
Goodling		

Stearns	Torres	Weldon (PA)
Stenholm	Torricelli	Weller
Stokes	Towns	White
Studds	Traficant	Whitfield
Stump	Upton	Wicker
Stupak	Velazquez	Williams
Talent	Vento	Wilson
Tanner	Visclosky	Wise
Tate	Volkmer	Wolf
Tauzin	Vucanovich	Woolsey
Taylor (NC)	Walker	Wynn
Tejeda	Wamp	Yates
Thomas	Ward	Young (AK)
Thompson	Waters	Young (FL)
Thornberry	Watt (NC)	Zeliff
Thurman	Watts (OK)	Zimmer
Tiahrt	Waxman	
Torkildsen	Weldon (FL)	

NOES—9

Doyle	Klink	Quinn
Holden	McDermott	Taylor (MS)
Kanjorski	McHale	Walsh

ANSWERED ''PRESENT''—10

Borski	Goss	Sawyer
Cardin	Hobson	Schiff
Cooley	Johnson (CT)	
Gephardt	Pelosi	

NOT VOTING—19

Conyers	Hayes	Meyers
Dicks	Heineman	Peterson (FL)
Fields (LA)	Johnston	Quillen
Fields (TX)	Kaptur	Stockman
Furse	Kennedy (RI)	Thornton
Ganske	Lincoln	
Gibbons	Longley	

□ 1437

Mr. KLINK changed his vote from ''aye'' to ''no.''

Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. RIVERS, and Messrs. WATT of North Carolina, EVERETT, and DIXON changed their vote from ''no'' to ''aye.''

So the motion to table was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 4(b) OF RULE XI REGARDING SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104–809), on the resolution (H. Res. 525) waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE—INSTRUCTING COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE OUTSIDE COUNSEL'S REPORT ON SPEAKER GINGRICH

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of the privileges of the House, and I offer a resolution pursuant to clause 2 of rule IX.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Whereas on December 6, 1995, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct agreed to appoint an outside counsel to conduct an independent, nonpartisan investigation of allegations of ethical misconduct by Speaker NEWT GINGRICH;

Whereas, after an eight-month investigation, that outside counsel has submitted an extensive document containing the results of his inquiry;

Whereas the report of the outside counsel cost the taxpayers $500,000;

Whereas the public has a right—and Members of Congress have a responsibility—to examine the work of the outside counsel and reach an independent judgment concerning the merits of the charges against the Speaker;

Whereas these charges have been before the Ethics Committee for more than two years;

Whereas a failure of the Committee to release the outside counsel's report before the adjournment of the 104th Congress will seriously undermine the credibility of the Ethics Committee and the integrity of the House of Representatives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall immediately release to the public the outside counsel's report on Speaker NEWT GINGRICH, including any conclusions, recommendations, attachments, exhibits or accompanying material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution constitutes a question of privilege under rule IX.

MOTION TO TABLE OFFERED BY MR. ARMEY

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, in respect for the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, I offer a privileged motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. ARMEY moves to lay the resolution on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to table offered by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 225, noes 179, answered ''present'' 10, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 424]

AYES—225

Allard	Bono	Coble
Archer	Brewster	Coburn
Armey	Brownback	Collins (GA)
Bachus	Bryant (TN)	Combest
Baker (CA)	Bunn	Condit
Baker (LA)	Bunning	Crane
Ballenger	Burr	Crapo
Barr	Burton	Cremeans
Barrett (NE)	Buyer	Cubin
Bartlett	Callahan	Cunningham
Barton	Calvert	Davis
Bass	Camp	Deal
Bateman	Campbell	DeLay
Bereuter	Canady	Diaz-Balart
Bilbray	Castle	Dickey
Bilirakis	Chabot	Doolittle
Bliley	Chambliss	Dornan
Blute	Chenoweth	Dreier
Boehlert	Christensen	Duncan
Boehner	Chrysler	Dunn
Bonilla	Clinger	Ehlers
Ehrlich	Kolbe	Rogers
English	LaHood	Rohrabacher
Ensign	Largent	Ros-Lehtinen
Everett	Latham	Roth
Ewing	LaTourette	Roukema
Fawell	Laughlin	Royce
Flanagan	Lazio	Salmon
Foley	Leach	Sanford
Forbes	Lewis (CA)	Saxton
Fowler	Lewis (KY)	Scarborough
Fox	Lightfoot	Schaefer
Franks (CT)	Linder	Seastrand
Franks (NJ)	Livingston	Sensenbrenner
Frelinghuysen	LoBiondo	Shadegg
Frisa	Lucas	Shaw
Gallegly	Manzullo	Shays
Gekas	Martini	Shuster
Geren	McCollum	Sisisky
Gilchrest	McCrery	Skeen
Gillmor	McDade	Smith (MI)
Gilman	McHugh	Smith (NJ)
Goodlatte	McInnis	Smith (TX)
Goodling	McIntosh	Smith (WA)
Graham	McKeon	Solomon
Greene (UT)	Metcalf	Souder
Greenwood	Meyers	Spence
Gunderson	Mica	Stearns
Gutknecht	Miller (FL)	Stump
Hall (TX)	Molinari	Talent
Hancock	Montgomery	Tate
Hansen	Moorhead	Tauzin
Hastert	Morella	Taylor (NC)
Hastings (WA)	Myers	Thomas
Hayworth	Myrick	Thornberry
Hefley	Nethercutt	Tiahrt
Herger	Neumann	Torkildsen
Hilleary	Ney	Traficant
Hoekstra	Norwood	Upton
Hoke	Nussle	Vucanovich
Horn	Oxley	Walker
Hostettler	Packard	Wamp
Houghton	Parker	Watts (OK)
Hunter	Paxon	Weldon (FL)
Hyde	Peterson (MN)	Weldon (PA)
Inglis	Petri	Weller
Istook	Pombo	White
Johnson, Sam	Porter	Whitfield
Jones	Portman	Wicker
Kasich	Pryce	Wilson
Kelly	Radanovich	Wolf
Kim	Ramstad	Young (AK)
King	Regula	Young (FL)
Kingston	Riggs	Zeliff
Knollenberg	Roberts	Zimmer

NOES—179

Abercrombie	Doyle	Kleczka
Andrews	Durbin	Klink
Baesler	Edwards	Klug
Baldacci	Engel	LaFalce
Barcia	Eshoo	Lantos
Barrett (WI)	Evans	Levin
Becerra	Farr	Lewis (GA)
Beilenson	Fattah	Lipinski
Bentsen	Fazio	Lofgren
Berman	Filner	Lowey
Bevill	Flake	Luther
Bishop	Foglietta	Maloney
Blumenauer	Ford	Manton
Bonior	Frank (MA)	Markey
Boucher	Frost	Martinez
Browder	Gejdenson	Mascara
Brown (CA)	Gibbons	Matsui
Brown (FL)	Gonzalez	McCarthy
Brown (OH)	Gordon	McDermott
Bryant (TX)	Green (TX)	McHale
Chapman	Gutierrez	McKinney
Clay	Hall (OH)	McNulty
Clayton	Hamilton	Meehan
Clement	Harman	Meek
Clyburn	Hastings (FL)	Menendez
Coleman	Hefner	Millender-McDonald
Collins (IL)	Hilliard	Miller (CA)
Collins (MI)	Hinchey	Minge
Conyers	Holden	Mink
Costello	Hoyer	Moakley
Coyne	Hutchinson	Mollohan
Cramer	Jackson (IL)	Moran
Cummings	Jackson-Lee (TX)	Murtha
Danner	Jacobs	Nadler
de la Garza	Jefferson	Neal
DeFazio	Johnson (SD)	Oberstar
DeLauro	Johnson, E. B.	Obey
Dellums	Kanjorski	Olver
Deutsch	Kennedy (MA)	Ortiz
Dingell	Kennedy (RI)	Orton
Dixon	Kennelly	Owens
Doggett	Kildee	Pallone
Dooley		

Pastor	Schroeder	Torricelli
Payne (NJ)	Schumer	Towns
Payne (VA)	Scott	Velazquez
Pickett	Serrano	Vento
Pomeroy	Skaggs	Visclosky
Poshard	Skelton	Volkmer
Quinn	Slaughter	Walsh
Rahall	Spratt	Ward
Rangel	Stenholm	Waters
Reed	Stokes	Watt (NC)
Richardson	Studds	Waxman
Rivers	Stupak	Williams
Roemer	Tanner	Wise
Rose	Taylor (MS)	Woolsey
Roybal-Allard	Tejeda	Wynn
Rush	Thompson	Yates
Sabo	Thurman	
Sanders	Torres	

ANSWERED ''PRESENT''—10

Borski	Goss	Sawyer
Cardin	Hobson	Schiff
Cooley	Johnson (CT)	
Gephardt	Pelosi	

NOT VOTING—19

Ackerman	Ganske	Peterson (FL)
Cox	Hayes	Quillen
Dicks	Heineman	Stark
Fields (LA)	Johnston	Stockman
Fields (TX)	Kaptur	Thornton
Funderburk	Lincoln	
Furse	Longley	

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So the motion to table was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mrs. KENNELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KENNELLY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished majority leader, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY].

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has finished its work for the week. We will next meet for legislative business on Tuesday, September 24, at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour and noon for legislative business. Votes will be held after 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday we hope to consider the following measures: Correction day bill H.R. 3153, the Small Business Transport Correction Advancement Act; Correction Day bill H.R. 2988, a bill regarding traffic signal synchronization; a bill to permit same day consideration of rules and to allow suspensions on days other than Monday and Tuesday; and H.R. 3666, the VA/HUD appropriations conference report.

Mr. Speaker, the House will also take up a number of bills under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices tomorrow afternoon.

For Wednesday, September 25 and the balance of the week, we hope to have a number of conference reports ready. Among the possibilities are H.R. 3540, the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act; H.R. 3259, the Intelligence Authorization Act; H.R. 2202, the Immigration in the National Interest Act; and H.R. 3005, the Securities Amendments of 1996.

The House may also consider a fiscal year 1997 omnibus appropriations bill next week.

Mr. Speaker, as we approach the end of the 104th Congress, we brace ourselves for our usual hectic pace. We expect that a number of other measures, both from the other body and from our own committees, may become available. Of course, we will keep Members apprised throughout the week of what might be brought under consideration.

As previously announced, we hope to conclude legislative business and adjourn the 104th Congress sine die on Friday, September 27.

Mr. Speaker, if I might just add, call me optimistic but it is still our hope that we may be able to conclude by that day and that is the target for which we shoot.

I thank the gentlewoman.

Mrs. KENNELLY. Mr. Speaker, should I take from the gentleman's last remarks that Members should not prepare to stay through the weekend next week?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman will continue to yield, as I said to my conference yesterday, we are at sine die. These are the end times and there are times of great tribulation. I think the prudent Member might be prepared to work not only Friday but possibly even Saturday next week as we try to clean up the year's final days of business. Again, I think it is always useful to speak in the most optimistic terms, but also to be prepared for the possibility delays keeping us either late Friday night or even into Saturday.

Mrs. KENNELLY. Mr. Speaker, last week in this very same exchange, in this forum, Mr. FAZIO asked you if you might schedule a vote so that we in the House could proclaim our support of the troops in the Iraq situation. The Senate took such a vote on September 5. I wonder, is there any possibility that we might schedule a vote so we, too, could share our support in this House for the troops that are in the Iraq situation?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman will continue to yield, I thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry.

If I might just also make a point, if I may just digress for a moment, as I talked about our concerns and hopes with respect to the 27th and/or the 28th, we should also recognize it is altogether possible we would perhaps have to work the following week. Nothing is settled until it is settled.

With respect to the kind of resolution that the gentlewoman has asked about, I have at this point not had any member of any committee, any chairman, approach me with any resolution and any inquiry with respect to placing it on the schedule.

Mrs. KENNELLY. Mr. Speaker, I think what I would hope is that maybe we could just take up the Senate bill.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for the suggestion, and I will take it under consideration.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. KENNELLY. I yield to the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman knows, having been here in the last Congress, we did not do the martial law resolution which we will be doing for this Congress. I do not have any great reservations about it because we used it many times before and I can understand in the closing days you use it.

But there is one part of this one that I have some serious problems with. I would like some assurances that perhaps we could get, depending on the circumstances, perhaps a little more notice. It says in here, ''shall be in order for a time for the remainder of the second session for the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules, provided that the object of a motion is announced from the floor at least 1 hour before the motion is offered.''

Now, my concern about this is, let us say that we are in a recess, and as you know, there will be days toward the end when we will be in suspended recess, maybe for several hours. I would hope that we would make sure that Members have an opportunity, if a bill is brought up through a suspension, which it can be at any time, that at least we have an opportunity, knowing that it is going to be brought at a certain time, we have an opportunity to examine the bill, look at it, have our staff look at it so that we can appraise it before we vote. That is my biggest concern, not that you have the right to do the suspension but that Members could have sufficient time to be prepared to vote on it.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I think the gentleman makes an important point and a point that I am in agreement with.

Let me just say, one, I would hope that we would not even need to use this authority from the Committee on Rules. Should it become necessary, I think again a primary consideration must be the orderly functioning of the body, and in due respect for the needs of the minority and all Members to be informed as timely as possible for any action pending. I will pledge to the gentleman my personal commitment to do that to the very utmost of my ability.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. KENNELLY. I yield to the gentlewoman from Colorado.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, this last weekend the Speaker said he had no objection to a bill that some of us have offered, that passed unanimously in the Senate and the President said he would sign. I was wondering if there was any way we could get that to the floor in the last week. That is the bill that would expand the Brady bill so that people who have been convicted of domestic violence offenses could not be able to purchase a gun. I was really pleased to hear the Speaker say he did

not have an objection to it, and was wondering, since it appears to have been cleared and so noncontroversial, could we get it out and could we get it passed?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for that inquiry. Let me say, that is on a long list of bills that I hope to pour over, and perhaps we will be able to do so even this afternoon. But at this point I cannot make any comment on that, if for no other reason, out of respect for the other bills that I think Members want. I think it is fair for everybody to know that they had a fair look-see along with the rest.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to inquire about the suffragettes who are still in the basement of the rotunda, who have been down there since 1921. I understand that the funding has now been procured privately to raise them up to the first, to the main floor where they are supposed to be. Again, the Senate I guess has unanimously passed this. Would there be any way we could free those women, who have been relegated to the basement since 1921, before we could go home? Do you think we could work that in?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for her compelling expression of concern. It would be very difficult for me to do anything but commit to, with all haste, find out more about this situation. I should suspect that perhaps I could begin by checking with the House administration committee, and I will look into it.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1996 TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1996

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns tomorrow, September 20, 1996, it adjourns to meet at noon on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1996

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, September 23, 1996, it adjourns to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 24, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

REQUEST TO EXPRESS HOUSE SUPPORT FOR MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be the expression of this House that we favor the Minnesota Vikings over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is unable to entertain that request.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my request.

REPORT ON CONTINUING NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO ANGOLA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 104–266)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

I hereby report to the Congress on the developments since March 25, 1996, concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola that was declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1993. This report is submitted pursuant to section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).

On September 26, 1993, I declared a national emergency with respect to Angola, invoking the authority, inter alia, of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and the United Nations Participation Act of 1945 (22 U.S.C. 287c). Consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolution 864, dated September 15, 1993, the order prohibited the sale or supply by United States persons or from the United States, or using U.S.-registered vessels or aircraft, of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles, equipment and spare parts, and petroleum and petroleum products to the territory of Angola other than through designated points of entry. The order also prohibited such sale or supply to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (''UNITA''). United States persons are prohibited from activities that promote or are calculated to promote such sales or supplies, or from attempted violations, or from evasion or avoidance or transactions that have the purpose of evasion or avoidance, of the stated prohibitions. The order authorized the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, as might be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order.

1. On December 10, 1993, the Secretary of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued the UNITA (Angola) Sanctions Regulations (the ''Regulations'') (58 *Fed. Reg.* 64904) to implement the President's declaration of a national emergency and imposition of sanctions against Angola (UNITA). There have been no amendments to the Regulations since my report of March 25, 1996.

The Regulations prohibit the sale or supply by United States persons or from the United States, or using U.S.-registered vessels or aircraft, of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles, equipment and spare parts, and petroleum and petroleum products to UNITA or to the territory of Angola other than through designated points. United States persons are also prohibited from activities that promote or are calculated to promote such sales or supplies to UNITA or Angola, or from any transaction by any United States persons that evades or avoids, or has the purpose of evading or avoiding, or attempts to violate, any of the prohibitions set forth in the Executive order. Also prohibited are transactions by United States persons, or involving the use of U.S.-registered vessels or aircraft, relating to transportation to Angola or UNITA of goods the exportation of which is prohibited.

The Government of Angola has designated the following points of entry as points in Angola to which the articles otherwise prohibited by the Regulations may be shipped: *Airports:* Luanda and Katumbela, Benguela Province; *Ports:* Luanda and Lobito, Benguela Province; and Namibe, Namibe Province; and *Entry Points:* Malongo, Cabinda Province. Although no specific license is required by the Department of the Treasury for shipments to these designated points of entry (unless the item is destined for UNITA), any such exports remain subject to the licensing requirements of the Departments of State and/or Commerce.

2. The OFAC has worked closely with the U.S. financial community to assure a heightened awareness of the sanctions against UNITA—through the dissemination of publications, seminars, and notices to electronic bulletin boards. This educational effort has resulted in frequent calls from banks to assure that they are not routing funds in violation of these prohibitions. United States exporters have also been notified of the sanctions through a variety of media, including special fliers and computer bulletin board information initiated by OFAC and posted

through the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Government Printing Office. There have been no license applications under the program.

3. The expenses incurred by the Federal Government in the 6-month period from March 26, 1996, through September 25, 1996, that are directly attributable to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by the declaration of a national emergency with respect to Angola (UNITA) are reported to be about $227,000, most of which represents wage and salary costs for Federal personnel. Personnel costs were largely centered in the Department of the Treasury (particularly in the Office of Foreign Assets Control, the U.S. Customs Service, the Office of the Under Secretary for Enforcement, and the Office of the General Counsel) and the Department of State (particularly the Office of Southern African Affairs).

I will continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 19, 1996.*

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GOSS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. WISE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. WISE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. WOLF] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. WOLF addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

A HUGE CLOUD OVER THIS HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, we have just been through a little charade here in the House. The last two votes on motions to table were purely what I call a charade as part of the total coverup that is going on in the ethics investigation of our Speaker.

You know, they, majority Republicans, were advised that the minority, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR] and the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LEWIS], are going to be offering a resolution that would require the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to make public, to give all Members of the House and the public, the press, a copy of the report that was filed back around August 12 with the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct by the special counsel.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] is discussing matters that are not appropriately addressed under the rules of the House.

Mr. VOLKMER. I am just going over what was going on in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will sustain the point of order inasmuch as the gentleman may not discuss such matters not currently pending.

Mr. VOLKMER. The Speaker, I am just talking about what went on in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may proceed in order.

Mr. VOLKMER. That is very interesting, very, very interesting that the majority does not even want us to talk about what we just did earlier this afternoon.

When they heard about this resolution that is going to be offered, the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. LINDER—and according to an AP story that was just out today—in an admitted act of retaliation Mr. LINDER introduced a resolution to force the ethics panel to hire an outside counsel to investigate House Minority Leader RICHARD A. GEPHART in an ethics complaint filed 7 months ago that he concealed profits gained through vacation home real estate deals. LINDER says——

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. WALKER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker: The gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] continues to be out of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will sustain the point of order and share at this point the ruling of November 17, 1995:

The prohibition against references in the debate to the official conduct of other Members where such conduct is not under consideration in the House includes reciting the content of a resolution raising a question of the privileges of the House which is no longer pending, having been tabled by the House.

The gentleman may proceed in order.

Mr. VOLKMER. Now the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LINDER] goes on and says that the Lewis resolution reflected an ongoing and desperate action with a small band of Democrats who refused the ethics process by filing one baseless claim after another.

Now those claims are not baseless, those claims are legitimate. They are based on acts that were performed by the Speaker and that have been filed with complaints, and part of those complaints were investigated by the special counsel, and the special counsel filed the report way back over a month ago. But none of us have seen the report, none of us can get a copy of the report, and on the tabling motion there is no question——

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman continues to be out of order, and it is an embarrassment to the House to have the gentleman continue to disobey the rules knowingly and completely with malice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sustains the point of order and requests that the gentleman proceed in order as indicated by the Chair earlier.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, you know, there is a huge cloud over this House, and it has been here for over a year, almost 2 years, and it is all because of inaction of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct on the complaints on NEWT GINGRICH, and it has brought discredit on this House.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. WALKER. Point of order Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. WALKER. The gentleman is obviously attempting to simply disobey the rules, and the gentleman obviously has no comport to the Oath of Office that he took earlier in this Congress and, you know, is embarrassing the House with his present disobeying of the rules, and I insist on my point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The point of order by the gentleman is sustained, and the Chair would remind the gentleman from Missouri that he may not speak to matters which are now under consideration by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct or to the motivation of Members who bring questions before the House.

Mr. VOLKMER. I appreciate the ruling of the Chair, and it is very apparent to me and, I hope, to Members of this House that the majority does not want any of the minority, anybody, talking about ethics questions on the floor of the House. They just do not want us to discuss it. They want to keep it secret, they do not want anybody to know anything about it, they want it all to go away until after the election.

Well, there are those of us who feel that we in this House of Representatives, which has been a stalwart in the world as far as democracy is concerned, have a right to voice our opinion on the floor of the House on this subject because we feel that this subject is one that has to do with the image of the people, how the people look at the United States House of Representatives.

I do not think that the public really appreciates a House of Representatives

where Members cannot even discuss on the floor those things—I can walk right out in that hall, I can go up into the press gallery, I can go up the steps and go back in my district, I could do it in my home, I could do it in my office, I can do it anyplace else. I can discuss all the problems that the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has and NEWT GINGRICH has and the fact that the chairman of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has just stalled this whole process. I can do it all there, but I cannot do it here.

That is the ruling of the Chair. They do not want me to say it, folks. They do not want me to talk about it.

But guess what? We are going to continue to do it until that report is released to the public. They paid $500,000, Mr. Speaker, for that report, and they are keeping it quiet.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. WALKER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. WALKER. The gentleman continues to be out of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sustains the point of order.

Mr. VOLKMER. Would the gentleman from Pennsylvania like to take down my words?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind the gentleman that Speakers in prior Congresses have also supported these rulings.

The gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] may proceed in order.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to continue to say that it is just not me that is being gagged, it is everbody out in the public, the media, everybody else in this whole country. Nobody knows what is in that report, and you are never going to know what is in that report because they are not going to let you have it.

REGARDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE

(Mr. WALKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, what we have just seen is an act that everyone in the House should be concerned about because the rules of this House exist in large part to assure the civility of the proceedings of the House. They exist to try to make certain that all Members are protected and have certain rights.

These rules are not unique to this Congress. These are rules that the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] regularly voted for when he was a Member of the majority. The rules with regard to discussion of matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct on this House floor have been the heart of the rules for a long time. They are not something that this majority came up with. They are in fact the same rules that previous Speakers have enforced and have been in place for the previous Congresses.

All Members have an obligation to those rules. When Members think that they are above the law and above the rules, that is an embarrassment, and that destroys the underlying civility that needs to govern our processes here.

I do not know how we can, as a nation, solve the myriad of problems that we have if some Members take it upon themselves to disobey the rules. That is what we have seen happening on a regular basis.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. BILIRAKIS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BILIRAKIS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Maryland [Mrs. MORELLA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. MORELLA addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. CHRISTENSEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. CHRISTENSEN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BUYER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BUYER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

UNITED STATES MUST GET ITS INTERNATIONAL TRADE FUNCTIONS IN ORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MICA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I was just on the floor a few days ago and talked about a headline I saw where the trade deficit last month had gotten worse, and today I woke up to see today's news, and trade and jobs and opportunity for my children and for the future of all citizens of our country have been one of my top priorities since I got elected some 3 years ago.

Today I saw a headline that should send chills into the spine of every American and every Member of Congress. It says ''U.S. trade gap grew by 43 percent in July.''

Now if that does not knock your socks off and you are not concerned about this, then you are not awake.

The opportunities that we are destroying for our children by not getting our international trade functions in order are going to really ruin the future again for our children. Let me show you our current international trade organization.

This is 19 agencies deal with promoting, financing assistance for international trade. This is the current structure. It is a rat's maze. Any business person who could get Federal assistance from this rat's maze and have Government cooperate with business and industry so we could provide good paying jobs, they cannot do it under this structure.

When I first came to Congress, I introduced a reorganization that would put trade finance, trade promotion and trade assistance all together in a sound, reasonable package to provide assistance to give us an opportunity to increase our jobs.

Now look at what Mr. Kantor, our Secretary of Commerce, former Trade Representative said. His comment was ''The U.S. trade picture reflects the underlying strength of the U.S. economy.''

I cannot believe that he said anything. In fact, I pulled his bio to see if he had any business experience, and he does not. Neither does the gentleman who currently occupies the White House. They just do not understand at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, they do not understand in the Department of Commerce, and they do not understand in the trade agency or the 19 other Federal agencies that spend $3 billion in tax money.

Then you read about where the big trade deficit is. It is in Japan. Now where does 85 percent of all that money we that we spend promoting U.S. products, assisting U.S. companies go? It goes for, and would you believe this, it does for promoting raisins in Japan, and we already control the market there.

So you see why our children do not have an opportunity for the future. This is the disorganization, these are the comments, this is the statistics.

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We heard about 10 million new jobs in this country. Where are those 10 million new jobs? They are part time, they are low paying, they are service jobs. They do not tell us that between 1993 and 1995 we lost 8.4 million good-paying jobs in this country. People were fired. They were fired in Binghamton, NY, they were fired in Tennessee, they were fired in Florida. They lost their jobs, and a majority of those 8.4 million people had to take lower paying jobs.

So the 10 million jobs, people I talked to in my district have two or three of

them to make a living. So they have destroyed jobs. They killed the bridge to the future because they killed our bill to reorganize trade.

I worked with the gentleman form Michigan [Mr. CHRYSLER], a hero of this Congress, and others who tried to bring some business sense to our international trade effort, and they have destroyed that bridge. Maybe Mr. Canter is smiling today, because he helped destroy a bridge to the future, a bridge to good-paying jobs, a bridge to increase the median income of the average American. That median income has gone down. That is why Americans have less in their pockets today, because taxes went up, because this Congress will not address the problem of overregulation. One hundred thirty-two thousand Federal employees do nothing but regulate, so we take those jobs out of New York, Pennsylvania, California, Florida, and we send them across the border.

Finally, litigation. This administration vetoed litigation reform. When you sue everybody, what do you do? You send business and industry and good-paying jobs out of this country, so they have destroyed the bridge to the future for my children, for your children. They have relegated us to $5.15 an hour jobs. In my State, for not working, on welfare you get the equivalent of $8.75 for not working, and you get health coverage. So why work? You have to be dumb to work at $5.15, which they are promoting.

I urge my colleagues to look at this. Let us build bridges to the future, not destroy them.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. SCARBOROUGH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SCARBOROUGH addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. TALENT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. TALENT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

ENVIRONMENTAL ARROGANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Utah [Mr. HANSEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I chair the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands. In the early 1970's, Congress passed a law called the National Environmental Protection Act, and in 1976, the FLPMA Act on other areas that would take care of the public lands. We determined there that anything that happened on public lands, that the public would have some input on it. They would have the opportunity to have hearings; anybody, they would have the opportunity to challenge what the Government did, so it would be adequately done without some high-handed individual coming along and shoving something down the throat of the population.

That was probably a pretty good piece of legislation. I mentioned, I chair the subcommittee, and every time we have a bill, and, Mr. Speaker, we have probably had more hearings than any other subcommittee on the Hill, the administration comes up. Here comes the BLM, here comes the Forest Service, here comes in Department of Reclamation. They say, ''Mr. Chairman, there has to be more public input on this bill. We have to have more time for the public to have due process on this bill. You have got to be here and listen to these things.''

I agree with most of that. People should have input. In the little State of Utah that I represent, as two other Members represent, we have some beautiful areas. We have six national monuments and a number of national parks. We have Arches, Canyonlands, Bryce, Zion, a piece of the Grand Canyon; we have some beautiful areas. Out of that, it seems like my friends from the East always want to come out and tell us how to determine our own lives.

Surprisingly enough, yesterday the President of the United States stood on the south rim of the Grand Canyon and announced a national monument in Utah of 2 million acres, 2 million acres. That is the size of Delaware. That is the size of Yellowstone National Park.

Lo and behold, guess who he told about it? Absolutely no one. The Governor of the State was not made aware, the two Senators were not made aware, the Members of the House, including of his own party, were not made aware. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, the legislature, and the county commissioners, nobody was told except President Clinton decided he wanted to do it.

This particular area has the largest coal reserve there is in the history, anywhere we can find in America. There is enough coal in the ground for the energy of Utah for 1,000 years, low-sulfur coal, which can be mined environmentally sound. In this area happens to be 10 cities; the first time that I know of that 10 cities now find themselves in a national park with the stroke of a pen.

How did he get the right to use that pen? He got the right because of the antiquated Antiquities Act of 1906, which said the President could preserve and protect Indian ruins. That was the theory behind it, Indian ruins; not saying you could go create things bigger than about every park, bigger than a lot of States. No, that was not the idea.

But the extreme environmental community, who wants to kill our timber, wants to kill our mining, wants to keep people from going into the wilderness and enjoying it and fishing, hunting, standing there and looking at God's beauty, no, we do not get to do that, because the President of the United States, in his great, wonderful, awesome wisdom, greater than anybody, he had the right to say this beautiful area should be reserved.

Let me ask something, has the President been there? Has the President seen it? No, the President does not even know where it is. He could not come within 500 miles of it if you put a map down in front of him. That does stop him from coming in and signing the Antiquities law and saying, let us take care of this. Does that smack anybody of being political, considering that the environmental community is putting millions of dollars in this reelection? Does that smack anybody of that at all? Why did he not just wait? Why did he not wait until after, sitting down as we have down with every other park and national monument in the history of the State, in the history of the United States, and say, let us work this out?

No, I have never, in 26 years as an elected official, as past Speaker of the House of the State of Utah, I have never seen such arrogance in my life. I am totally disappointed in what happened.

What will this cost of the children of Utah? One billion dollars, $1 billion they are not going to get for education. What is this going to cost the little State of Utah, the Governor and his legislature? Six and one-half billion dollars. Tell me why? What is the reason behind this? I am really disappointed at this high-handed attitude that emanates from the White House. I surely think that the people of the West have just been written off.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. SMITH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SMITH of Michigan addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET REGARDING CURRENT LEVELS OF SPENDING AND REVENUES REFLECTING ACTION COMPLETED AS OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1996 FOR FISCAL YEARS 1997–2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. KASICH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on the Budget and pursuant to sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, I am submitting for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an updated report on the current levels of on-budget spending and revenues for fiscal year 1997 and for the 5-year period fiscal year 1997 through fiscal year 2001.

This report is to be used in applying the fiscal year 1997 budget resolution (H. Con. Res.

178), for legislation having spending or revenue effects in fiscal years 1997 through 2001.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, September 17, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: To facilitate application of sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, I am transmitting a status report on the current levels of on-budget spending and revenues for fiscal year 1997 and for the 5-year period fiscal year 1997 through fiscal year 2001.

The term ''current level'' refers to the amounts of spending and revenues estimated for each fiscal year based on laws enacted or awaiting the President's signature as of September 12, 1996.

The first table in the report compares the current level of total budget authority, outlays, and revenues with the aggregate levels set by H. Con. Res. 178, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997. These levels are consistent with the recent revisions made pursuant to section 606(e) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 as amended by the Contract with America Advancement Act (P.L. 104–121) which provides additional new budget authority and outlays to pay for continuing disability reviews. This comparison is needed to implement section 311(a) of the Budget Act, which creates a point of order against measures that would breach the budget resolution's aggregate levels. The table does not show budget authority and outlays for years after fiscal year 1997 because appropriations for those years have not yet been considered.

The second table compares the current levels of budget authority, outlays, and new entitlement authority of each direct spending committee with the ''section 602(a)'' allocations for discretionary action made under H. Con. Res. 178 for fiscal year 1997 and for fiscal years 1997 through 2001. ''Discretionary action'' refers to legislation enacted after adoption of the budget resolution. This comparison is needed to implement section 302(f) of the Budget Act, which creates a point of order against measures that would breach the section 602(a) discretionary action allocation of new budget authority or entitlement authority for the committee that reported the measure. It is also needed to implement section 311(b), which exempts committees that comply with their allocations from the point of order under section 311(a).

The third table compares the current levels of discretionary appropriations for fiscal year 1997 with the revised ''section 602(b)'' suballocations of discretionary budget authority and outlays among Appropriations subcommittees. This comparison is also needed to implement section 302(f) of the Budget Act, because the point of order under that section also applies to measures that would breach the applicable section 602(b) suballocation. The revised section 602(b) suballocations were filed by the Appropriations Committee on July 12, 1996.

Sincerely,

JOHN R. KASICH, *Chairman.*

Enclosures.

STATUS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1997 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ADOPTED IN H. CON. RES. 178—REFLECTING ACTION COMPLETED AS OF SEPT. 12, 1996

[On-budget amounts, in millions of dollars]

	Fiscal year 1997	Fiscal year 1997–2001
Appropriate level (as set by H. Con. Res. 178):		
Budget authority	1,314,785	6,956,907
Outlays	1,311,171	6,898,627
Revenues	1,083,728	5,913,303
Current level:		
Budget authority	856,941	(1)
Outlays	1,037,292	(1)
Revenues	1,101,569	5,973,380
Current level over (+)/under (−) appropriate level:		
Budget authority	−457,844	(1)
Outlays	−273,879	(1)
Revenues	17,841	60,077

[1] Not applicable because annual appropriations acts for fiscal years 1997 through 2000 will not be considered until future sessions of Congress.

BUDGET AUTHORITY

Enactment of measures providing any new budget authority for FY 1997 in excess of $457,844,000,000 (if not already included in the current level estimate) would cause FY 1997 budget authority to exceed the appropriate level set by H. Con. Res. 178.

OUTLAYS

Enactment of measures providing any new budget or entitlement authority that would increase FY 1997 outlays in excess of $273,879,000,000 (if not already included in the current level estimate) would cause FY 1997 outlays to exceed the appropriate level set by H. Con. Res. 178.

REVENUES

Enactment of any measure that would result in any revenue loss in excess of $17,841,000,000 for FY 1997 (if not already included in the current level estimate) or in excess of $60,077,000,000 for FY 1997 through 2001 (if not already included in the current level) would increase the amount by which revenues are less than the recommended levels of revenue set by H. Con. Res. 178.

DIRECT SPENDING LEGISLATION—COMPARISON OF CURRENT LEVEL WITH COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS PURSUANT TO BUDGET ACT SECTION 602(a) REFLECTING ACTION COMPLETED AS OF SEPT. 12, 1996

[Fiscal years, in millions of dollars]

	1997			1997–2001		
	Budget authority	Outlays	New entitlement authority	Budget authority	Outlays	New entitlement authority
House Committee:						
Agriculture:						
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	4,996
Current level	5	5	5	55	55	55
Difference	5	5	5	55	55	−4,941
National Security:						
Allocation	−1,579	−1,579	0	−664	−664	0
Current level	−102	−102	−21	−289	−289	−34
Difference	1,477	1,477	−21	375	375	−34
Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs:						
Allocation	−128	−3,700	0	−711	−4,004	0
Current level	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	128	3,700	0	711	4,004	0
Economic and Educational Opportunities:						
Allocation	−912	−800	−152	−3,465	−3,153	7,669
Current level	1,967	1,635	1,816	11,135	10,296	8,852
Difference	2,879	2,435	1,968	14,600	13,449	1,183
Commerce:						
Allocation	0	0	370	−14,540	−14,540	−41,710
Current level	0	0	500	200	153	1,470
Difference	0	0	130	14,740	14,693	43,180
International Relations:						
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current level	−1	−1	0	−1	−1	0
Difference	−1	−1	0	−1	−1	0
Government Reform and Oversight:						
Allocation	−1,078	−1,078	−289	−4,605	−4,605	−1,668
Current level	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	1,078	1,078	289	4,605	4,605	1,668
House Oversight:						
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current level	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	0	0	0	0	0	0
Resources:						
Allocation	−91	−90	−12	−1,401	−1,460	−59
Current level	−2	−2	1	−30	−30	9
Difference	89	88	13	1,371	1,430	68
Judiciary:						
Allocation	0	0	0	−357	−357	0
Current level	0	0	0	3	3	3
Difference	0	0	0	360	360	3
Transportation and Infrastructure:						
Allocation	2,280	0	0	125,989	521	2
Current level	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	−2,280	0	0	−125,989	−521	−2
Science:						
Allocation	0	0	0	−13	−13	0

DIRECT SPENDING LEGISLATION—COMPARISON OF CURRENT LEVEL WITH COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS PURSUANT TO BUDGET ACT SECTION 602(a) REFLECTING ACTION COMPLETED AS OF SEPT. 12, 1996—Continued

[Fiscal years, in millions of dollars]

	1997			1997–2001		
	Budget authority	Outlays	New entitlement authority	Budget authority	Outlays	New entitlement authority
Current level	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	0	0	0	13	13	0
Small Business:						
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current level	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans' Affairs:						
Allocation	−90	−90	224	−919	−919	3,475
Current level	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	90	90	−224	919	919	−3,475
Ways and Means:						
Allocation	−8,973	−9,132	−2,057	−134,211	−134,618	−10,743
Current level	8,337	8,301	−2,840	73,452	73,471	−38,717
Difference	17,310	17,433	−783	207,663	208,089	−27,974
Unassigned:						
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current level	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total authorized:						
Allocation	−10,571	−16,469	−1,916	−34,897	−163,812	−38,038
Current level	10,204	9,836	−539	84,525	83,658	−28,362
Difference	20,775	26,305	1,377	119,422	247,470	9,676

DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997—COMPARISON OF CURRENT LEVEL WITH SUBALLOCATIONS PURSUANT TO BUDGET ACT SECTION 602(b)

[In millions of dollars]

	Revised 602(b) suballocations (July 12, 1996)				Current level reflecting action completed as of Sept. 12, 1996				Difference			
	General purpose		Violent crime		General purpose		Violent crime		General purpose		Violent crime	
	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays
Agriculture, Rural Development	12,960	13,380	0	0	12,960	13,340	0	0	0	40	0	0
Commerce, Justice, State	24,493	24,939	4,525	2,951	16	6,451	0	1,477	24,477	18,488	4,525	1,474
Defense	245,065	243,372	0	0	0	80,745	0	0	245,065	162,627	0	0
District of Columbia	719	719	0	0	719	719	0	0	0	0	0	0
Energy & Water Development	19,421	19,652	0	0	0	6,833	0	0	19,421	12,819	0	0
Foreign Operations	11,950	13,311	0	0	72	8,253	0	0	11,878	5,058	0	0
Interior	12,118	12,920	0	0	138	4,855	0	0	11,980	8,065	0	0
Labor, HHS and Education	65,625	69,602	61	38	1,858	40,615	0	20	63,767	28,987	61	18
Legislative Branch	2,180	2,148	0	0	2,166	2,131	0	0	14	17	0	0
Military Construction	9,983	10,360	0	0	9,982	10,344	0	0	1	16	0	0
Transportation	12,190	35,453	0	0	0	23,785	0	0	12,190	11,668	0	0
Treasury-Postal Service	11,016	10,971	97	84	0	2,381	0	9	11,016	8,590	97	75
VA–HUD-Independent Agencies	64,354	78,803	0	0	365	47,492	0	0	63,989	31,311	0	0
Reserve	618	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	618	69	0	0
Grand total	492,692	535,699	4,683	3,073	28,276	247,944	0	1,506	464,416	287,755	4,683	1,567

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 17, 1996.

Hon. JOHN KASICH,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to section 308(b) and in aid of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended, this letter and supporting detail provide an up-to-date tabulation of the on-budget current levels of new budget authority, estimated outlays, and estimated revenues for fiscal year 1997. These estimates are compared to the appropriate levels for those items contained in the 1997 Concurrent Resolution on the Budget (H. Con. Res. 178) and are current through September 12, 1996. A summary of this tabulation follows:

[In millions of dollars]

	House current level	Budget resolution (H. Con. Res. 178)	Current level +/− resolution
Budget authority	856,941	1,314,785	−457,844
Outlays	1,037,292	1,311,171	−273,879
Revenues			
1997	1,101,569	1,083,728	+17,841
1997–2001	5,973,380	5,913,303	+60,077

Since my last report, dated July 22, 1996, the Congress has cleared and the President has signed the Agriculture Appropriations Act (P.L. 104–180), the District of Columbia Appropriations Act (P.L. 104–194), the Federal Oil & Gas Royalty Simplifications & Fairness Act of 1996 (P.L. 104–185), the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (P.L. 104–188), an Act to Authorize Voluntary Separation Incentives at A.I.D. (P.L. 104–190), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (P.L. 104–191), and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104–193). The Congress has also cleared for the President's signature the Military Construction Appropriations Act (H.R. 3517), the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act (H.R. 3754), and the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 3230). These actions changed the current level of budget authority, outlays, and revenues.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL,
Director.

PARLIAMENTARIAN STATUS REPORT—104TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION, HOUSE ON-BUDGET SUPPORTING DETAIL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997, AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 12, 1996

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
PREVIOUSLY ENACTED			
Revenues			1,100,355
Permanents and other spending legislation	843,212	804,226	
Appropriation legislation		238,523	
Offsetting receipts	−199,772	−199,772	
Total previously enacted	643,440	842,977	1,100,355
ENACTED THIS SESSION			
Appropriations Bills:			
Agricultural Appropriations (P.L. 104–180)	52,345	44,922	
District of Columbia Appropriations (P.L. 104–194)	719	719	
Authorizations Bill:			
Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2 (P.L. 104–168			−15
Federal Oil & Gas Royalty Simplification & Fairness Act of 1996 (P.L. 104–185)	1	1	

PARLIAMENTARIAN STATUS REPORT—104TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION, HOUSE ON-BUDGET SUPPORTING DETAIL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997, AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 12, 1996—Continued

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
Offsetting Receipts	−3	−3	
Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (P.L. 104–188)	−76	−76	579
An Act to Authorize Voluntary Separation Incentives at the A.I.D. (P.L. 104–190)	−1	−1	
Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (P.L. 104–191)	305	315	590
Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104–193)	10,080	9,702	60
Total enacted this session	63,370	55,579	1,214
PASSED PENDING SIGNATURE			
Military Construction Appropriations (H.R. 3517)	9,982	3,140	
Legislative Branch Appropriations (H.R. 3754)	2,166	1,917	
National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 3230)	−102	−102	
Total passed pending signature	12,046	4,955	
APPROPRIATED ENTITLEMENTS AND MANDATORIES			
Budget resolution baseline estimates of appropriated entitlements and other mandatory programs not yet enacted	138,085	133,781	
Total Current Level [1]	856,941	1,037,292	1,101,569
Total Budget Resolution	1,314,785	1,311,171	1,083,728
Amount remaining:			
Under Budget Resolution	457,844	273,879	
Over Budget Resolution			−17,841

[1] In accordance with the Budget Enforcement Act, the total does not include $34 million in outlays for funding of emergencies that have been designated as such by the President and the Congress.

THE INCREASE IN ILLEGAL DRUG USE AMONG TEENAGERS IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to take a few minutes to talk about the drug crisis in America, the problem we are faced with, some of the reasons for it, and at least one very good idea to address the problem.

I have devoted a lot of my time and my staff's time over the last year and a half on this issue, because I am convinced that our national leaders must take tangible steps to help communities across our country to send a clear and consistent message at every level that drugs are wrong and that they are dangerous. If we do not, I believe our society will be in real trouble.

It is not just about drug abuse, as I will explain later with the chart, because drug abuse impacts a whole host of other social problems we face in this country. I am actually encouraged by the recent press attention we see on this issue. This chart shows that in fact the headlines are starting to appear, people are starting to pay attention to the fact that we do, once again, have what is becoming a drug epidemic in this country. Though politics are certainly playing a role in it, I am glad the President is finally talking about this issue. I am glad that he has appointed a real leader, Gen. Barry McCaffrey, to be his new drug czar.

But so much more needs to be done. I have three children of my own. I know that what influences their decisions, what shapes their attitudes, is what my wife and I say, what we do, what their teachers tell them, what they hear in church, what they see on television, what they hear on the radio, what their friends tell them. We need to work together to fashion innovative solutions to this terrible drug problem in this country that will actually make a difference in the lives of my kids and all of our children.

This is why I have spent the last year and a half working with people in the field, those who have devoted literally decades to this issue, to reducing substance abuse, activists back home like Jackie Butler, Hope Taft, Tammy Sullivan; people at the State level, including my Governor, George Voinovich and his director of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, Lucille Fleming; people at the national level like Jim Burke, Tom Hedrick, with the Partnership for a Drug Free America, Jim Koppel of CADCA, Bill Oliver, Doug Hall of PRIDE, and many others.

We have also spent a lot of time talking to kids and parents, teachers and coaches, religious leaders, business people, and many others about the problem at the local level, and what we should do about it.

Two clear things have emerged. First, national leadership is important. It is critical. It keeps the issue on the agenda, it keeps it in the media, as we see here, and helps send a clear and consistent message that has a direct impact on the use of drugs.

The research could not be clearer on this issue. As important as national leadership, of course, is sustained national leadership, not on again-off again.

The second thing we have learned is that leadership must recognize that this problem is probably best addressed at the community level, at the local level. We need everyone who influences the decision of a child to be involved: The parents, the coaches, the teachers, our President, Members of Congress, community leaders, kids themselves. Until we understand that leadership has to be used to mobilize at each of these levels, I do not think we will ever adequately address the problem.

Mr. Speaker, the community anti-drug coalition initiative that we have started here in the Congress, that has been spreading around the country for the last few years, is one attempt to bring sustained national leadership where we will have the most impact.

Alex de Tocqueville, when he visited this country over a century ago, he tried to describe America to people in Europe. One thing he said was, ''All of the efforts and resources of the citizens'', the citizens of America, ''are turned to the eternal well-being of the community.''

I think that is a pretty good observation. I think it continues to be true today, the recognition that people's energies are often devoted primarily at their neighborhoods and at their communities, where they feel they can have the most direct impact. I think that tells us a lot where we as Members of Congress ought to be devoting some of our energies, at the community level.

Drugs are a serious concern among all Americans. If you look at the most recent Gallup Poll results, or you look at the most recent Wall Street Journal NBC Poll, it is clear drugs and crimes are the number one issue most Americans believe we must address. It is also interesting when you ask parents what the most serious problem is facing our youth, they say drug abuse.

As interesting, when you ask kids themselves, when you ask our young people, what is the most serious concern you face, and this is teenagers, they do not say it is getting a job, they do not say it is their education. What do they say? Drugs. So kids themselves and their parents have recognized that. Frankly, I think they are far out in front of their elected leaders.

Just how big is this problem? to try to put it in some perspective, I will say that in just over a generation, the use of illegal drugs in this country has increased 40-fold, 40-fold. It is a huge problem. As I said earlier, it is not just about drug abuse, because drug abuse affects so many other things in this country.

Let me give the Members just a few examples on this chart. Crime and violence; over half of the violent crime

committed in America today is directly related to illegal drug use. School dropouts; kids that use drugs are 2 to 5 times more likely to drop out of school. Health care costs; fully a quarter of our trillion dollar health care cost in this country is directly related to substance abuse. More than half of the new HIV cases are illegal drug related. Spousal and child abuse; again, data will show us that about half of the family abuse in this country is directly related to substance abuse.

Finally, productivity. Yes, it affects American businesses. Because of absenteeism, increased medical claims, businesses in America take a $60 billion hit every year, $60 billion, just because of illegal drugs. If you add alcohol abuse to that, it is another $80 billion a year.

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This is an issue that affects all of us.

This next chart I want to show is actually a hopeful one because it shows that we are not powerless to solve this problem. In fact, from 1979 until 1992, we saw a substantial decrease in the use of drugs. This chart will show that, among teenagers, we saw over a 70-percent decrease during that period.

Folks love to ridicule the Just Say No campaign. This is when it was in its heyday. It works. It works in concert with a lot of other things. A clear and consistent message from the White House on down is effective in reducing drug abuse.

The chart also shows, of course, that since 1992, there has been a sharp increase. Unfortunately, everything we know leads us to believe that that line, if anything, is increasing even more sharply. The tragedy is that it is among our younger and younger kids, too.

We have found, particularly with regard to marijuana use, the most dramatic increases are among our young people. Look at this. Among 8th graders, we see a 167-percent increase from 1991 to 1995. That means in a typical 8th grade class in America, 25 kids, 5 of them in the 8th grade have used marijuana.

All of the other drugs are also increasing, whether it is inhalants, whether it is stimulants, and here is a chart on stimulants which would be cocaine, amphetamines, methamphetamine. Look at these increases, 8th, 10th and 12th graders, the use of cocaine and other stimulants.

Some people who grew up in the 1960's might say, ''Well, what's the big deal about some of these drugs increasing?'' Well, look at this. LSD is now at record levels. This is record levels of LSD used in this country, again, 8th, 10th and 12th graders.

Some people will say, ''Marijuana is not that big a deal. Yes, these other drugs concern me.'' Well, marijuana today is about 2 to 5 times stronger than it was back in the 1970's. Also, we know a lot more today about marijuana. We know, for example, that marijuana does in fact impair judgment, it does impair learning, it does keep kids from reaching their potential. It is also a powerful gateway to other drugs.

So you might ask, there is the problem; why is it occurring? Well, it is a complicated issue in some respects, but in other ways, it is not at all. This is very good research, well documented by the University of Michigan. Lloyd Johnson, every year with Monitoring the Future, does this study and it is widely accepted in the field as being very accurate and helpful. What does it show?

It shows, among other things, that drug use is not related so much to how much somebody makes, how much their parents make, what their race is, where they live, suburbs or urban areas. What it really relates to is their attitudes about drugs.

Look at the incredible correlation here between social disapproval, a sense that a teenager has of social disapproval and the use of drugs. As disapproval goes up, and you can see, between 1979 and 1992, it did go up, the sense of disapproval, use goes down dramatically. As the sense of social disapproval goes down, what happens? Use shoots up.

It is about attitudes. It is about society sending kids the right message, that it is not OK to use drugs.

The other important factor, other than the sense of social disapproval, is the sense of risk. Not only is it wrong to use drugs, it is harmful. When kids are told that, again use is reduced dramatically.

Look at this chart. This shows the sense out there that there is a risk, a danger in using drugs. Again between 1979 and 1992, we see an increase in the sense of risk, the perception of risk. At the same time, what happens to use? It goes down dramatically. When that sense of risk or danger begins to go down after 1992, again what do we see? Use shooting up.

It is a question of attitudes.

I think we know enough about it now to know that we have got to get to kids and get this message to them clearly, again at every level, from the White House right down to our communities.

The next question I often get asked back home is, Well, why are these anti-drug attitudes weakening? What is going on out there?

The first thing I would say is that opinion leaders from the White House on down, including the U.S. Congress, have not until very recently been speaking out on this issue. There has also been declining media attention. This can be shown quantitatively.

In 1989, during the height of the so-called drug war, there were over 500 network news stories, not public service announcements—news stories—on the drug issue and the drug problem in this country. Over the last 4 years, there have been on average fewer than 100 stories. As public opinion leaders speak out, there is more media attention, and that is important to changing those attitudes we talked about earlier, baby boomer parents being conflicted. We talked about people's attitudes toward marijuana. We saw last week with the results from the CASA survey, Joe Califano's group, that in fact a lot of parents who used drugs are conflicted about whether their kids are going to use drugs or not. The expectations, in fact, are very low for their kids. As long as that is true, parents are not doing their job.

Finally, more pro-drug information out there, including reglamorization, whether it is MTV, whether it is Hollywood, whether it is our rock stars, our sports figures. We have seen a lot more reglamorization of drugs.

Finally, legalization discussion, whether it is Jocelyn Elders or whether it is Bill Buckley, that has an impact on kids.

How do we go about reversing this trend? How do we go about changing our policies and actually making a difference in the lives of our kids? Here are the four traditional approaches that we have taken: interdiction, criminal justice, treatment, and prevention.

At the Federal level, just to put this in some perspective, we spend about $1.5 billion a year on interdiction. In our criminal justice system for incarcerating and prosecuting drug offenders, we spend about $6.5 billion; treatment, about $2.6 billion; and prevention and education, about $1.4 billion.

In my view, we need to do all of these things. We need to increase interdiction, we need to lock up drug criminals, we need to increase treatment. But I think most of our effort should be devoted toward improving the education and the prevention side of this, because, again, it is a matter of attitudes. That is where I think we can get the most bang for the buck, frankly.

We need all of the other things, including a tough criminal justice system, but in my view, until we go back to the grassroots, go back to the community level and deal with this in terms of prevention and education, we will not ultimately be successful.

The idea I have is to do these community coalitions around the country. Let me give you a great story. This is about the Miami coalition. At one time Miami had the worst drug problem in America. In fact, Miami's drug rates were the highest, I think, among the top six cities in America. Once their coalition got going and they attacked it on a concerted basis, Miami's drug problem decreased significantly, so much so that by 1994, Miami not only saw its drug use going down dramatically, it was significantly less than the national average.

Community coalitions work. There are now several thousand community coalitions around the country. In our case, in greater Cincinnati, we have brought together business leaders; the media, very important; the faith community, nothing is more effective in

my view, especially in terms of prevention, than faith-based prevention programs; parents, of course, which is a critical part we talked about before; youth themselves; law enforcement.

No one is more eager to attack this problem than our law enforcement. No one is more frustrated. Our educators, teachers, coaches and so on, people who have been at this for a long time at the grassroots, and of course again national and State help which we have had.

Our mission in Cincinnati is quite simple. It is, to develop and implement a comprehensive. long-term strategy to reduce and treat substance abuse one person at a time.

I would like to focus on three points in there. One is comprehensive, another is long-term; this is not going to be solved overnight. And finally one person at a time. This is not a Washington ''one size fits all,'' top-down solution. This is trying to affect again all of those decisions that our kids make by affecting the various people that influence them.

In Cincinnati, we have divided our work into five task forces. One is the media task force. We now have one of the most aggressive antidrug media campaigns in the country. All of our major TV stations, all of our radio stations are playing public service announcements, talking about the issue.

We have done some local radio spots, as an example, with a rock and roll band, a local band that kids know, and that has the ability, I think, to get to kids a lot better than having parents or adults talking to them.

The workplace task force: Here for the first time ever, we have got health insurance companies being able and willing to offer discounts to companies that offer drug-free workplace plans.

Why is this so important? Well, most people who abuse drugs go to work every day. Second, that is where the parents are. So if we can get companies, particularly smaller companies and mid-size companies that up to now do not have a drug-free workplace plan in place, to do that, we will be able to affect this problem.

Why should insurance companies give a discount? Because it is a bottom line concern. It actually is in their interest to give a discount. Because if you have a drug-free workplace, you are going to have fewer accidents, fewer medical claims. We have convinced, again, major health care providers in our area to do that, and I think that can be done around the country.

We also have convinced our Bureau of Workers Compensation, an entity that is not looked upon with favor by a lot of our small businesses, to offer the same kinds of discounts to companies that, again, have drug-free workplace plans. We are working with these companies to develop these plans and giving them a bottom line incentive to do so.

It works. One quick story on that. One of the members of our coalition recently put a drug-free workplace program in place which included drug testing, and one day a young man came to his office, sat down and said, ''I understand there's going to be random drug testing as part of this program.'' And the manager said, ''Yes, there will.''

He said, ''Well, I would like to tell you something,'' and the man broke down. He said, ''I'm a cocaine addict, have been for over a decade. I have had six different jobs. I have been able to hide it at every one of those places where I have worked. You're now giving me the opportunity to come forward.''

That manager did not fire the guy. He got the guy in a treatment program. The guy is now more productive at work, of course, but much more importantly, his life has been changed in a fundamental way.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PORTMAN. I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. You talk about the drug-free workplace. I would like to make a couple of comments about that, if I may, because it started in my area back in the 1980's. It was very involved with Tropicana. I said, ''We have a drug problem.''

So they developed a program with the Florida Chamber of Commerce, with the Manatee Chamber of Commerce and developed a program that small businesses could do that. I am a small businessman. I put it into all my businesses, and I pretest for drugs.

It was an amazing thing. When Tropicana put a sign at their entrance to their employment office saying, Don't apply unless you are willing to be tested for drugs, they would have people walk to the door, see the sign, make a U-turn and leave.

Nowadays you have a sign that says, ''If you don't want to be tested for drugs, don't apply here, go to the White House and apply,'' something like that. It is a dramatic change, especially for small businesses. So if a big business can make it available through their local chambers, because the question is getting the money and finding the facilities to have the testing done. That is what a task force can do.

We did it successfully many years ago back in Florida. It took our biggest employer, Tropicana, to take that lead. They made a contribution, put a part-time person on our staff at our Manatee Chamber, gave the Florida Chamber a $100,000 grant to help other chambers around.

That is what a group can do to help business. Because if you stop people from getting a job because of drugs, it starts sending that message to everybody.

Mr. PORTMAN. It sends a strong signal. In our area, Procter & Gamble has taken the lead in helping our smaller and mid-size companies because they have the resources, the staff, the expertise to help these smaller businesses. But imagine what would happen if across America, health care insurers were to say to those small- and mid-size companies, we will give you a discount, say 5 percent, on your health care if you have a drug-free workplace plan in place. Of if the Bureau of Workers' Comp in Florida, I think Florida is not yet there but perhaps you are working on it, that that too will help to get these companies to do so and will help to solve this problem.

Let me just finish with the final two task forces, then I would like to open it up to some of my colleagues who have arrived. But after the workplace task force, I want to talk a little about the parent task force, what we did there, because as I said earlier, parents are key to this problem. The greatest social service agency in America is our parents. They are open at 11 on Saturday night, among other things, and if you can get our parents reengaged in this issue, we know it can make a difference.

PRIDE [Parent Resource Institute for Drug Education] has a good survey out which shows that if parents would simply talk to their kids about the issue of drug abuse, we could see drug abuse rates among our kids decrease by as much as 30 percent, just talking to their kids about it.

What have we done? Well, PRIDE has come into our district, and they have done a pilot program where they have trained parents, who then go out and train other parents. We started with 15 parents, went through an intensive couple of weeks training session; they are now out training an additional 600 parents. We are trying to do it in every school district in my area.

Again, I think it is very important that we get the parents back, engaged in this problem. The final two task forces are the community task force, and there I think some of the potential is in the religious community. Our faith-based programs work, and frankly, on a Sunday or on a Saturday in a church, in a temple, a synagogue, people I think are in a more reflective moment and willing to hear about this issue. I think it is incumbent upon our religious leaders to get the message out.

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We have a commitment from a number of the churches, synagogues, and temples in our area to get that drug-free message out at least once a year and maybe twice a year on a concerted basis to complement all the other efforts we talked about.

The final task force we have is criminal justice. As I said earlier, no group is more desperate to find a solution to this problem than our law enforcement community. What we have done is, we have organized sort of a broad DARE Program. The DARE Program works very well in my area, as it does around the country, but there were some gaps in it. So our law enforcement, county by county, have sent out flyers to our schools, community centers, churches,

and so on to offer educated speakers who can come in and talk about this issue and relate to the kids, to supplement the DARE Program.

We also have an innovative program to enlist citizens to close down crack houses in our inner city in Cincinnati. This is being led primarily by our city councilman Charlie Winburn in Cincinnati. And that will be effective, we think, in not only closing down crack houses and patrolling street corners, but getting the community involved in this effort because it is a community outreach effort.

Again, I will just say that I think Members of Congress can play a very effective role. It is not a traditional role. It is not about passing new laws. It is not about more Federal money, frankly. It is about acting as a facilitator back home to try to solve this problem, where I think it can be most effectively solved, which is at the community level.

Speaker GINGRICH has been supportive of this; Gen. Barry McCaffrey has been in our area, he has been supportive of it; and Senator Dole has been supportive of it. Each has come and spent time with our coalition and helped us in our efforts.

The initiative recognizes that the problem is not going to be solved solely by looking to Washington. It is going to be solved one kid at a time in our families and in our communities. And for the sake of our kids and our communities, I would urge all Members of Congress to engage in this.

We have about 20 to 25 Members of Congress who have already either established a coalition or are supporting existing coalitions. The goal is nothing short of getting every single Member of Congress involved in this effort. There is no reason we should not all be involved. We can blanket the country, all 435 districts.

The facts are in. Drug use is skyrocketing. Community coalitions work to address this problem. I think it is time we roll up our sleeves and get to work.

I would be happy to yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the gentleman for taking the lead in this role. It takes leadership. And as leaders of our country, as elected members of the government, we have to take on a responsibility here. This is not just passing legislation, as the gentleman said.

I really commend the gentleman for taking the lead within this Congress, because it is a problem and it is a glaring problem. It does not take a lot of chart experts, Ross Perot people, to see that drug use had gone down for 11 years and then, when Bill Clinton gets elected, it goes up.

Now, there has to be some correlation to that. It is a complex issue and it is not one person's fault, there are a lot of reasons, but it has to start at the top. It is the moral leadership of our country.

When we have the President of the United States asked on MTV, and the question is, ''If you had to do it all over again, would you inhale?'' And the President laughs and says, ''Sure, if I could, I tried it before,'' well, that is not the type of leadership we should have on this very serious issue dealing with crimes and such.

So we need to start at the top, using that bully pulpit. And Nancy Reagan used it so effectively by using the ''just say no.'' And so I think all of us, whether it be as Members of Congress, State legislators, Senators, mayors, we should work together and do exactly as the gentleman is doing and learning from his experience in putting this together.

I remember back in the 1980's, when I was very involved in our Chamber of Commerce, I worked putting a task force together. I had two teenagers back home, and, fortunately, they were good kids, but we were concerned about the problem. So we got together with a group organizing things and through the Chamber trying to get businesses aware of it.

Because when we talk about businesses, businesses save money by having a drug treatment program, by keeping people off drugs. Workmen's comp rates will go down. It saves money. The turnover of employees, turnover costs money to a business. They do not want people to change jobs. Hiring a bad employee is bad business.

So I think whether it is business taking the leadership or Members of Congress or politicians, we all need to jump in and get involved in this. And Bob Dole, I know, has that commitment, and that is what makes me feel good, that he will continue the tradition that Ronald Reagan started and George Bush started.

So I commend the gentleman for taking that leadership and we need more people doing that. And I will be getting back active in that issue in my hometown of Bradenton.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would now yield to the other gentleman from Florida who has arrived.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take just a minute to also express my deep appreciation to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] for his leadership on this issue. He has brought the issue to the Republican Conference, he has brought it to the Congress and to the attention of the American people and to his community, and he has tried to take steps in a positive way to bring people together to solve this problem.

It is a problem that we have to address from the White House to the courthouse, and it is a problem that is destroying our young people. Unless we act we will not have a future generation that is drug free. And until we act, we will continue to see juvenile crime and problems across this great land.

Seventy percent of the crimes in America, ask our police chiefs, ask our sheriffs, ask our State law enforcement and Federal officials, 70 percent of all the crimes in this Nation are, in fact, drug related. And people serving behind bars, there are 1.6 million Americans incarcerated, and about 70 percent of them are there because of drug use or abuse or some criminal activity that has led from crime.

Mr. PORTMAN. If the gentleman will yield back for a moment on that briefly.

Mr. MICA. Certainly.

Mr. PORTMAN. We talked about the impact of illegal drug use on violent crime, and the gentleman is right. When we ask police chiefs around the country what the best way would be to reduce violent crime, guess what they say?

Mr. MICA. What is that?

Mr. PORTMAN. Reducing drug abuse. They do not talk, frankly, about gun control, they do not talk about the death penalty, they do not talk about a lot of other issues that are ones we might naturally think would be the best way to reduce violent crimes. The No. 1 issue by far, for them, is illegal drug use. By far the No. 1 way to reduce violent crime in this country. These are the police chiefs, who are on the line.

Mr. MICA. Absolutely. If the gentleman will yield again.

Mr. PORTMAN. Certainly.

Mr. MICA. I come from central Florida. I have a wonderful area in east central Florida, from Orlando to Daytona Beach. Our blaring headlines are that teenage heroin use is at record epidemic levels.

In the last few weeks, just in the last weekend, we had one of these home invasions where a gentleman tried to defend someone. These people were out trying to get drug money and they shot in cold-blooded murder a young person in our peaceful community.

Another incident in my community just the week before. I admire hard work. I was raised to work from the time I was just a young person. And here in my community was a gentleman at 5 o'clock in the morning who was out filling newspaper racks in Orlando and trying to make a living and taking the change from his newspaper rack. He was a little vendor, again working in the early dawn, and these drug crazed individuals came up and blew him away. Just destroyed his life. Here is a man working, dogging, trying to make it.

I have thousands of senior citizens, but I met a young lady in K–Mart in my community, and I asked her how things were going and was she working and making it, and she is trying to go to school. But she says, Mr. MICA, I have to take the bus to get to work, and I can only work during the day, and it is difficult for me to get to class because I am afraid to be at a bus stop. I am afraid to go out at night. Here is a young lady trying to make it into community college.

So these are the problems. When we have 70 percent of the criminals behind

bars and involved in this, and then we have a President that says just say maybe.

I have had two teenagers, just like the other gentleman from Florida [Mr. MILLER], in the last 4 years in my house, and I say just say no as a dad, just say no as a caring parent, just say no as a citizen of the community, and my wife joins me in that. And then we have the highest elected officer in the Nation, everyone we have always looked up to, just say, ''Ha-ha-ha, I'd try it if I had the opportunity again.'' Now, what message does that send?

The other things that disturbs me, and one reason I came out tonight, is again I see the President on television saying that Republicans have cut drug programs. And nothing can be further from the truth. Nothing can be further from the facts. Let me, in fact, give my colleagues the facts.

I serve on the committee that oversees our drug war and have been working on this with the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] since we both got elected some 3 years ago, when we called for hearings and they ignored us. When we said this is not going to work, putting all the money into treatment and ignoring the other parts, interdiction, enforcement, and education.

They gutted these programs. Now they have the nerve to say that we cut these. Let me talk about the safe and drug-free school program. Republicans never cut the safe and drug-free schools.

First, I want everyone to understand that the Republicans did not take control of the Congress until just the last 18 or 20 months. The first 24 months, from 1992, with the election in the fall and taking office in January, the President in fact controlled the executive branch. As I recall, there were over 250 Democrats in the House of Representatives, a great majority, greater than we ever had, and they controlled the other body by a majority. They had control of all three bodies.

They never held the hearings. In fact, in fiscal years 1994 and 1995 the Democrats controlled the Congress and cut the programs, safe and drug-free schools. President Clinton, in 1994, requested $598.2 million for the program; the Democrats in Congress cut this to $187 million. $187.2 million, to be exact. His own party cut $174 million from his request in 1995. Again, when we did not control this. They did that. They should be held responsible for it.

Now, what are we trying to do to restore it? Let me tell my colleagues. First of all, the drug czar's office. The President says he has downsized Government. Well, he started in the drug czar's office and he cut the staff of 150 positions down to about 25 positions. This Congress, through the leadership of the gentleman from Ohio, Mr. PORTMAN, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. CLINGER, the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. HASTERT, DENNY HASTERT, the gentleman from New Hampshire, Mr. ZELIFF, and others who worked so hard on trying to put this back together, we have put in the Treasury, Postal Service, and general government appropriations bill an increase in the budget of $7.9 million over last year, and we have restored from 25 to 154 positions in the drug czar's office.

So they dismantled it. It did not work. And we restored it and we took action when we controlled the House of Representatives and the other body.

In the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies appropriations, in the drug enforcement budget, we have increased the budget. We have added 75 new agents for source country programs.

They killed the interdiction program. They gutted the interdiction program. They put all the money in treatments; sort of treating the wounded in the battle and forgetting the rest of the battle.

We have been there, our subcommittee, and not one Member of the minority went to South America, to Columbia, to Bolivia, to Peru. They boycotted the visit. They did not go with us to any of those countries and meet with the leaders, meet with out DEA agents.

In fact, they tried to sabotage the trip and told the press we were taking too many staff when we included DEA agents and Customs officials and others to go down with us and see what we could do at first look at the situation: Was it as bad as the reports were; that this interdiction program, the cuts in it were a disaster by this administration? They did not want us to go and see firsthand.

We went and they tried to sabotage the trip and did not participate in the trip. An offense to the Congress and to our subcommittee.

So, then, they cut the military participation in the drug war and we have restored them. In military and drug interdiction and counter drug activities we are $132 million higher than the President's request.

In fact, when I was in the jungles of Bolivia, I was told by one of our agents that they took $40 million out of their program and sent it up to Haiti for their nation building program.

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Our agents, which were left in the jungle with a shoestring budget, actually some of them were even taking money out of their own pockets to make sure that some of these programs went forward, and what were the results? We had a hearing in our Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice. The result was that there are 10,000 hectares, expansive areas of heroin growing in Colombia. We even found in Peru heroin growing. When you cut the interdiction, when you cut these programs to stop drugs at their source, these cost-effective programs, you see the results. Heroin, the hearing that we held this morning, is flooding this country, in fact.

So we have restored money for all of these programs. We did not cut these. I take great offense at the President's comments that we cut them. We did not have control of the Congress at that time.

Mr. Speaker, then again you get back to the point of the leadership. When you appoint the chief health officer of our great Nation, a high office of respect, a chief health officer, and that health officer, Joycelyn Elders, says just say maybe, what message did that send? How did that echo across our land to our children, to our schools, and then have the President make a joke of inhaling on MTV as my colleague from Florida had just commented.

So, Republicans have again restored these programs. We have held hearings on the problem. We are not trying to politicize it. Some people say, oh, we are just making political commentary. This is not political commentary. This is the future of our next generation. This is the root of the problem of crime in this country. This is the root of many of the social ills that we see.

This is why we have the wrong people behind bars. In my State and here in Washington, DC, you have to live behind bars because you fear for your own life. You fear for going out at night if you are trying to make a living or go to school or be a productive citizen or student in this society.

So, again, I believe that you cannot cut interdiction, you cannot cut enforcement. You cannot cut the education programs, and we cannot cut the treatment programs.

Mr. Speaker, let me say one thing about the treatment programs that concerns me. We have put a great deal of money into the treatment programs. I am really concerned that the information we have gotten back, it is repeated information, studies. I know General McCaffrey got a report from the Department of Defense and has squashed that report. But those treatment programs have not been effective, 90 percent of those programs are a failure.

We find, in fact, that sometimes even some of the private sector programs, the church-related programs, the community programs that have been established are much more effective and should have our support. So yes, we have to attack drugs on four prongs: on education, interdiction, and we have got to look at treatment and enforcement. We cannot let any of those four legs of that stool be broken or damaged.

So we have done our part. When I was a Member in the minority and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] signed with me and the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MILLER] signed with me, we called for hearings. Over 119 of us, I believe, signed petitions calling for hearings, and our pleas were ignored.

The last day of the session, a hearing was held for a very brief period of time. The meeting was adjourned when I tried to ask questions. It was a farcical charade, and now we see the result of it. The results are very clear, and someone has to take the responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, the leadership is not just Mr. PORTMAN from Ohio, Mr. MILLER from Florida, Mr. ZELIFF from New Hampshire, Mr. CLINGER from Pennsylvania, Mr. MICA from Florida. The leadership starts at the White House, the highest level.

Tomorrow I have to do something that I wish I did not have to do, but as chairman of the House Civil Service Subcommittee that overseas our Federal employees and our Federal work force, I have to hold hearings tomorrow on the question of the employment of individuals to the highest office of the land, the White House.

We are not talking about some little remote Arkansas community or some Third World country. We are talking about the White House, the highest office in this land. I am holding hearings tomorrow to find out why our chief law enforcement agencies, the FBI and the Secret Service, became so concerned about people who were coming into this administration, who were not taking background checks, who could have access to national security, who could be advising the Chief Executive of the land who makes the decisions about what we do on an instantaneous basis, what prompted them when they testified before us that these folks that were coming in had recent histories of not just—we are not talking about marijuana 20 years ago. We are talking about hallucinogenic drugs. We are talking about cocaine. We are talking about hard narcotics and subverting the process. Do we need a law to protect us from this type of situation?

So I will chair that hearing, but it is with great dismay that I have to examine the highest office of our land in this fashion and bring this into question but provide in fact, as my responsibility as chair of this committee, as part of the oversight responsibility of this Congress, to see what is going on in the highest office of our land, and to see that our national security is protected and to see that future White Houses have the respect of this Congress and of every citizen. If our highest office sets our lowest standards, what have we come to in this Nation?

So, again, I commend the gentleman. He has been outspoken. He has been persistent. He has been productive because he has helped get the attention of the Congress, of the leadership. He has helped us put Humpty Dumpty back on the wall and back together again; and, hopefully, hopefully, my children and children of people around this country will have a safe street; will have safe schools, where we are not employing another law enforcement officer at the school and following the arts teacher and the music teacher and the teachers that we need; where we can walk our streets as free Americans; where seniors do not have to fear walking outside in their own streets and neighborhoods and only go out in daylight.

So I thank you for shedding light and for the leadership of the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN]. I thank my colleague, my dear friend from Florida [Mr. MILLER], for his leadership and I yield back.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I commend the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MICA] for putting this in perspective for us and also for all the time and effort that he has put into this issue. He has become a true expert on it. He is one of our leading policy makers on this issue now, and I wish him luck in his hearing tomorrow in getting some answers.

We have a little time left, and I would like to yield to the other gentleman from Florida who has joined us.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, my friend from Florida was talking about the tie-in between crime and drugs and the need for the leadership at the top. When the President of the United States, as we have said, laughs about whether he would do it again, he says, sure if I could, I tried it before. When the spokesman for the White House says, when asked about marijuana, quote: I was a kid in the 1970's, did I spoke a joint from time to time? Of course, I did.

They do not say it is wrong. They do not say it was a mistake. They do not apologize for it. They just kind of laugh it off.

Starting with marijuana is where we have to attack the problem, and that is where moral leadership is so important. There was a study out by Joseph Califano, the head of the center on addiction and substance abuse. He was Secretary of HHS under Jimmy Carter, a Democrat. A teenager who uses marijuana is 85 times more likely to graduate to cocaine than those who abstain. The percentage of children who are using marijuana that graduated from high school in 1992, 22 percent of graduating seniors had used marijuana during the past year. Last year, in 1995, that increased to 35 percent, going from 22 to 35 percent in 4 short years.

Mr. Speaker, let me read what Joseph Califano said, quote: The jump in marijuana use among America's children from 1992 to 1994 signals that 820,000 more of these children will try cocaine in their lifetime. Of that number, about 58,000 will become regular users and cocaine addicts.

It is terrible what is happening. I wish the President would put as much focus on drugs as he does on tobacco. Tobacco is wrong. I oppose some of the programs in tobacco, too, but focus on drugs that are killing people at the youngest age and that is cruel to the kids and the families and the communities today.

I thank my colleague for having this special order. I appreciate the possibility to have been able to join with you.

Mr. PORTMAN. Let me add, Mr. MILLER, what I view as a hopeful statistic to those that you have mentioned. That is, if you can keep a kid drug-free until that kid is 19 years old, then he or she has a 90-percent chance of being drug-free for the rest of his or her life.

Those are those critical years, those teenage years. This is why, as I said earlier, it is tragic that this drug use is occurring at an earlier and earlier age. We talked about the eighth graders. In a typical class of eighth graders, five kids have now tried marijuana. What we have got to do is address this problem at every level. Mr. MICA talked about it in terms of interdiction, source country, treatment, our criminal justice system, and finally prevention and education.

Mr. Speaker, I would again like to close by saying that it is my view that part of what we need to do is to increase our efforts at the community level, the grassroots level. It is a philosophy that I think is very consistent with where this Congress is headed in terms of giving people more a sense of personal responsibility, the sense that our communities are where we are going to solve a lot of our problems.

Certainly, the drug problem is one of those. I urge all of my colleagues to do whatever they can, not only at the national level where it is very important but also in their communities, in their homes, in their neighborhoods, in the school districts they represent, to attack this problem. We know it can help. We know it can begin to reduce the dramatic increase in drug use that we have seen since 1992. And with that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the remainder of my time.

IMPACT OF CHERNOBYL DISASTER ON NATION OF BELARUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COBLE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I know that I will be joined by some other colleagues to talk about education cuts and the effect of Mr. Dole's economic plan on education programs in the Nation.

Before my colleagues join me, I would just like to take some of the time here during this 60 minutes to talk about another issue unrelated to the issue of education but an important issue to many constituents in my district.

This Saturday I will be appearing at a dinner sponsored by members of the Belorussian community in my district in New Jersey. They will be raising money for the victims of Chernobyl, of the Chernobyl nuclear accident which took place about 10 years ago now.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to detail, if I could, for about 5 minutes some of the problems that resulted from the Chernobyl disaster in the country of

Belarus and also talk about some of the problems that that nation now faces to its very independence.

On April 26, 1986, reactor No. 4 of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant caught fire and caused an explosion of epic proportions. This explosion measured 7 on the 7-level scale of nuclear accidents in comparison to the Three Mile Island accident, which measured 5.

Although one decade has passed since this explosion, the aftermath and truth remain very clouded about what happened. Even though this explosion spewed highly radioactive elements into the atmosphere, the Soviet Union, or the government of the then-Soviet Union, remained largely silent. Twelve hours passed before the Kremlin leadership created a government commission to respond to the blast. It took an additional 24 hours before they began to evacuate the nuclear plant's company town.

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And 48 hours after the meltdown, the government publicly announced the Chernobyl explosion. This announcement told the victims very little. It was not until August of that same year that the Soviets announced that 50 million curies of radiation had been released by the Chernobyl nuclear reactor. Current research states that the actual amount of radiation spewed by the power plant ranged from 150 million to 200 million curies. In comparison the Three Mile Island accident released a mere 15 curies.

Years have passed and the Soviet Union is no more, and Belarus and neighboring nations such as the Ukraine are still suffering from the sickness and misery from that accident. I am particularly concerned about the state of the millions of children who suffered and continue to suffer from the effects of radiation and who will probably suffer most of their lives from the long-term effects of radiation. The medical, environmental, and psychological effects still plague the affected regions which, as I said, include parts of Belarus, Ukraine, and Russia. A study in the Nature Journal states that children born in Belarus in 1994 to parents who lived in the area during the meltdown suffered from twice the normal rate of a specific type of mutation. Germline mutations, found in sperm and egg DNA, are being passed on from generation to generation. The World Health Organization speculates that one in every 10 children living in the irradiated zones during the summer of 1986 have contracted thyroid cancer.

In addition to the medical effects, the impact of the environmental damage is still felt today. The 1986 meltdown contaminated 100,000 square miles of once arable farmland. This encompasses approximately 20 percent of all of Belarus, 8 percent of Ukraine, and 1 percent of the Russian Federation. The irradiated soil poses seemingly endless problems for these countries' agrarian communities.

I do not want to keep talking about this terrible disaster and its effects all day. I think that it is, it is really important and it is certainly commendable that my own constituents who are Belarusan Americans continue to make the point that we must address the problem of radiation in the aftermath of the Chernobyl explosion. They continue to raise money for the victims. They continue to be concerned about the victims and help them with medical supplies and other needs. That effort needs to continue. This country certainly, both on a government and on a nonprofit private basis, needs to continue to help the victims and their children.

I also wanted to point out today, though, just as we must continue our international efforts to assist Belarus in the aftermath of Chernobyl, we must show our staunch support for that nation's independence. Belarus does not receive much attention in the media. Many of, most Americans probably, maybe not, maybe they do not even know where it is. But a recent New York Times editorial underscores the imminent dangers posed by the President of Belarus, Mr. Aleksandr Lukashenka.

Shortly after Belarus freed itself from the oppressive clutches of the Soviet Union, this newly independent nation began its transition to a stable democracy. This 5-year political and economic progress may come to an abrupt halt if we do not press the current President to change his ways. President Lukashenka has actually proposed the reintegration of Belarus with Russia.

In response to this new reintegration plan, 15,000 members of the Belarusan Popular Front marched in opposition to the threat of reintegration. These marchers fear that President Lukashenka will in fact relinquish Belarus' current democratic sovereignty.

I just wanted to read, if I could, some sections of the New York Times editorial that was dated August 31 of this year that is entitled ''The Tyrant of Belarus.'' It talks about the undemocratic manner in which President Lukashenka is conducting his leadership in the country.

Last year Interior Ministry troops broke up a parliamentary protest against the President's leadership and bludgeoned 18 lawmakers. Imagine for those of us who are Members of the House of Representatives and who really do not have to even fear, I do not think in most cases, the possibility of being attacked, in this case the executive of the country actually came into the parliament building and was attacking lawmakers.

This President has thrown political opponents in jail, closed independent newspapers and reimposed Soviet era restrictions on travel abroad. Fearing imprisonment or worse in this new police state, two opposition political leaders recently asked for political asylum in the United States and Washington promptly granted the request to ensure the safety of the two men.

I am not sure I am pronouncing it properly, but they are Zenon Paznyak and Sergei Nayumchik. Essentially, I am proud of the fact that the United States did grant them asylum. Mr. Lukashenka is also rolling back many of the economic reforms initiated in the first months of Belarusan independence. He has frozen the Government's privatization program and slapped banks with strict state controls threatening to nationalize many of them. These measures can only further destabilize an economy that shrank 10 percent last year and has left many Belarusans impoverished. The debt relief and economic bailout Mr. Lukashenko hopes to get from Russia are not likely to materialize, and alarmed by developments, the International Monetary Fund has sensibly delayed a $300 million loan.

Just one more section from the New York Times article editorial. They say:

> It may be too much to expect Boris Yeltsin and his colleagues in the Kremlin to press Mr. Lukashenka to change his ways, but the United States and democratic nations of Europe should make their concern plain to him. The rising of a new dictatorship in the heart of eastern Europe must not be ignored.

We certainly do not intend to ignore it, and it is one of the reasons that I am here today pointing it out. As a Congressman representing a large Belarusan-American community and a supporter of those members of the Popular Front, I strongly believe that we must act to prevent this new union of Russia and Belarus. We cannot allow a new autocratic regime to rise up in the midst of Eastern Europe's struggle toward democracy.

I recently introduced House Concurrent Resolution 163, which supports the newly independent and democratic Belarus for which generations of Belarusan patriots fought and died. This resolution urges Members of Congress to unanimously call upon the entire population of Belarus and all Belarusans throughout the world to defend statehood and democracy of Belarus, help sustain the country's Constitution, prevent the loss of its hard won nationhood and encourage its chance to survive as an equal and full-fledged member State among the sovereign nations of the world.

I promise to continue to support Belarus in its advancement toward stability and democracy, not the turn that its current president has taken us.

EDUCATION CUTS

Mr. Speaker, with that, I will end my discussion of Belarus and the concerns that I have expressed and turn to the other issue that I would like to discuss and I believe we have some of my colleagues that will be joining us later. That is the issue of education cuts and the impact of the Dole economic plan on education, on Federal education policy.

If I could just take a minute, Mr. Speaker, and point out that earlier this

week, we received another indication of not only Mr. Dole but also the Republican leadership's view of Federal education programs.

On Tuesday the Senate majority leader, TRENT LOTT, denounced congressional Democrats for their push to restore $3.1 billion in education and job training funding, saying ''I cannot, as leader of the majority, allow the minority to throw out their political garbage one after the other and expect our people to just bat it down repeatedly with votes.''

Mimicking the process which characterized last year's budget debate when extremists shut down the Federal Government two times, Republican leaders are now backtracking from Senator LOTT's statements and reportedly are considering a watered down version of the Democrats education agenda.

My point, Mr. Speaker, is that education should be a priority for this Congress and for the Federal Government, if we are going to talk about our future as a country and the future of our citizens, education and the role of Federal education is very important, the role of the Federal Government and our ability to influence and help States and local governments at the secondary school level and also our ability to help those who would like to go on to college or to university for either undergraduate or graduate degrees. Senator LOTT'S statement indicates that when it comes to the Republican leadership on education, the old adage about teaching old dogs new tricks is true. It simply cannot be done.

They essentially tell the American people that they understand how important education is and they rail against the Democrats for accusing them of not wanting all Americans to be educated, but then they push plans to gut education programs.

I only have to reflect back on what has happened over the last 2 years to give an indication of how the Republican leadership has deprioritized education in this Congress. We can even really skip over the cuts of 1995 and just talk about the current year 1996.

In the fiscal year 1997 budget resolution that would essentially take effect October of this year, 1996, funding for education and training programs is essentially frozen below the previous year's fiscal year levels for 6 years. So what we have is essentially that when adjusted for inflation, we have a 21-percent reduction in Federal funding for education over the next 6 years, by the year 2002, providing no assistance for helping schools meet projected enrollment increases of 12 percent over the next decade. So what the Republican leadership is saying to us is, even though they understand that there are going to be more students, there is going to be a larger enrollment, that they are going to freeze funding for education programs.

In other words, the Republican plan is basically to provide less as the demand for education assistance increases around the country. In many school districts, such as New York City, where the school year opened with closets doubling as classrooms due to a lack of space, there is already immense suffering from skyrocketing enrollments.

It is not the time to cut back on education funding or even freeze funding at previous fiscal year levels. The House-passed fiscal year 1997 education appropriations bill includes cuts spanning the entire spectrum of Federal education programs from preschool students trying to get a jump on life through Head Start to the high school student looking for some assistance to get to college.

Under the bill, funding for title I supplemental education services would be frozen, denying assistance to 150,000 fewer children than in fiscal year 1996, simply because the same services will cost more in 1997. The Goals 2000 education reform program, which President Clinton has talked about and basically introduced, would be eliminated, denying reform grants to 8,500 schools serving 4.5 million children across the country.

At the same time the Republicans attacked the President on the issue of drug abuse, and we have heard that repeatedly today, they continue to push an education bill that cuts the safe and drug free schools program by $25 million, weakening our ability to educate our children in safer, drug free environments.

I am sick and tired of hearing my colleagues on the other side of the aisle talk about funding for drug abuse and then come in here and cut the very programs that would prevent drug abuse, particularly on behalf of the young people.

With respect to higher education, the Republican bill allows for a mere 1.2-percent increase in the maximum Pell grants award compared to the administration's proposed 9.3-percent increase. Federal contributions for Perkins loans would be eliminated, thereby denying low-interest loans to 96,000 students in the coming year.

These are the very programs that allow students who cannot afford to go on to higher education, Pell grants, Perkins loans, and also the AmeriCorps Program. The AmeriCorps Program was a program that was proposed and enacted into law under President Clinton that basically allows students to do volunteer service in the community, and that service is used to pay back their loans. It is a new source of funding to pay for higher education. But the AmeriCorps Program would be terminated under the Republican appropriations bill. Through the back door the GOP would realize its long desired dream of effectively ending the Direct Loan Program by reducing the funds to administer it. The Direct Loan Program is another innovative program that instead of going through lenders, banks, to get a student loan, the university administers the loan program directly. It allows for more students at various colleges and universities to get loans, basically expanding the amount of loans that are available because you do not have to use the middle person. Again, they are trying to reduce that, reducing the funds to administer. That would mean that a lot of colleges and universities simply would not be able to have the direct loan programs.

These programs that I mentioned, the ones that give our youngest children an early start on life, that teach our disadvantaged students how to read and write and solve mathematical problems, that keep drugs out of our schools, that expand access to higher education and that send our children to college, are the ones that Republicans would have you believe are, to use the words of the Senate majority leader, ''political garbage.''

I obviously could not disagree more with that statement. They are not political garbage. It is important that the funding be increased for those programs in this year's appropriations bill, and it is important that over the long term, that we expand educational opportunity through student loans and the rest of these devices.

I just wanted to say a little bit about what the Republicans have been trying to do since they controlled Congress. On the other hand, we see the President and congressional Democrats coming up with new ideas to try to expand educational opportunity and provide good funding and new innovative programs to expand educational opportunities.

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Just to give you an example of that, and I have talked about it before on the floor, in July the administration announced a school construction initiative to improve the physical infrastructure, the actual buildings in which our children are taught over the next 5 years. Last month the President announced the America Reads challenge, which proposes to make every child in the country literate by the third grade. And then the congressional Democrats have the Families First agenda that basically provides American families a $10,000 tax deduction for college and job training, and we have also proposed to provide a $1,500 tax credit for the first 2 years of college for students who work hard, keep a B average and basically stay off drugs.

What we are doing as Democrats essentially is trying to see how we can come up with innovative ways, whether it is through the Tax Code, whether it is through loan programs, whether it is through grant programs, to try to expand educational opportunity, and I think it is quite clear that there is a major contrast between the President and Mr. Dole on this issue.

I see that one of my colleagues has joined us, Mr. HINCHEY from New York, and I would be glad to yield to him at this time.

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I was listening to the remarks that the gentleman was making about education and the need for improving the quality of our education here in United States, and actually that is an ongoing process. Improving the quality of education is something that has been happening here since the very beginning, and it is an evolutionary process and will continue to be so. We will never be at a condition when we have done everything perfectly with regard to education, but the fact of the matter is that in this particular Congress, over the course of most of the last 2 years we have seen a compilation, frankly, of what can only be called a shameful record on the issue of education.

Just for example, last year the congressional leadership here in this House produced a budget resolution that called for the largest cuts in Federal funding for education and job training that we have ever seen in the Nation's history. Also, that same budget resolution attempted to sharply limit access to student loans, making it much more difficult and in some cases, many cases, frankly would have made it impossible for young people to get a college education.

The Federal Government shut down in part last winter because the majority party here insisted on cutting elementary and secondary education programs by $3.3 billion, and they did that in order to finance a tax cut for the wealthy. The Government shut down because the President said no to that. The President said that it would be a shocking retreat from our education responsibilities to cut back on the Federal funding of education by $3.3 billion. Not only would that make education more difficult and less meaningful and less accessible to millions of American children, but it would also force up local real property taxes around the country.

In New York and in New Jersey education is financed in large part, frankly too much, by the real property tax, and whenever the Federal Government cuts back on its funding, its contributions to elementary and secondary education, the result is that education suffers but also real property taxpayers, senior citizens on fixed incomes, end up paying more that they cannot afford. So it is really a transfer of taxing obligation from the Federal Government to the local government, from the broad-based Federal taxes which are much fairer.

I mean, no one likes taxes. Taxes are never popular. But at least the taxes levied by the Federal Government are in almost every instance broad-based, progressive and much fairer than local real property taxes. And so when you have this transfer of obligation for funding from the Federal Government to the local government, you also have a shift in taxing obligation, and you shift the cost of education from the broad-based, more progressive Federal taxes to the more narrowly based, more regressive local real property taxes.

That is another aspect of this budget resolution that the President vetoed and the majority here insisted upon for week after week. Ultimately they lost because the President would not give in to them, but they attempted to blackmail the minority here in this House, they attempted to blackmail the President into signing those terrible budget bills which would have done the things that we are talking about here.

So that is part of the record here. And then, furthermore, still ignoring that quality education is a top priority for America's parents, Congress passed a budget resolution in 1996 that will result in a real cut in educational services all across the country by 20 percent over the next 6 years.

Now that is the attitude that this majority has in this House on education. That is the record, and I think it is a shameful one. The House leadership has turned the 3 R's of education, which are reading, writing, and arithmetic, into retraction, reduction, and retreat. That is what they would do with the educational system here in our country. Fortunately, we were able to prevent them from doing it by the President's veto and our ability to sustain that veto. So by putting a freeze on Federal education spending, we would be denying our children opportunities to succeed in the workplace.

Now supporters of the fiscal 1997 budget resolution and the House-passed appropriations bill are ignoring the realities of education today, and what are those realities? First of all, enrollment in elementary and secondary schools will grow by 7 million students between 1993 and the year 2005. So the burden on elementary and secondary schools is not going to decline, it is going to increase. We are going to have more students in school, and we need to educate them. That is a basic responsibility of any society, to educate the next generation. This government, this majority in this House, wants to wash its hands of that responsibility completely and pass it on to somebody else.

What else? United States schools need right now $112 billion to repair or upgrade dangerous facilities. That is not to make the schools shining and perfect and lovely, as we all might want them to be. That $112 billion is the cost of repairing facilities so that they would no longer be dangerous.

Our young people face a job market that is more competitive, more technologically advanced than ever before. We should be preparing our children to meet these challenges, instead of removing critical funding from our school system and slashing student loans.

The Senate has one last chance to keep the doors of educational opportunity open for our children and maintain our investment in the future. Follow the lead of Senate Democrats and restore $3.1 billion in education and job training funding to the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. That is what you support, that is what I support, that is what most of us in our party in this House support, and that is what I think we need to do.

I call on all of the people in this House to break with the extreme agenda of the leadership here and listen to what American families are saying. Education is a top priority in households across the country, and it should be a top priority here in Washington. We are doing precisely the wrong thing by reducing funding for education, if that is what they succeed in doing. They would be doing exactly the opposite of what we ought to be doing. We ought to be promoting the best quality educational system that we can afford. We should be ensuring that every child has access to good quality education from Head Start through college and on to graduate education, if they have the ability and the interest to do so. Advanced degrees are going to be critically more important in the future.

My 9-year-old daughter will be engaging in various kinds of activities in whatever professional pursuit she follows, things that we can hardly imagine today, because of the technological advancements that we are experiencing. We are moving into an era that is less and less dependent on natural resource industries and more and more dependent upon intellectual resource industries. We need the next generation to be highly educated and well trained and sophisticated in their approach to the job market and the marketplace, and we have a responsibility now, those of us who are serving in these positions now have a responsibility, to ensure that they have those opportunities, and if we fail to meet that responsibility, then our country will be a much different place as we enter the 21st century.

Mr. PALLONE. I thank the gentleman for joining me and pointing out not only what we have seen in the last 2 years under this Republican leadership in Congress and the negative impact on education programs, but also how important it is for the future to make sure that education remains a priority for the Federal Government in Federal funding.

And one of the reasons that I took to the floor this evening, and I know you did too, is because of our concern that if you look at Mr. Dole's economic plan, that it would force even further reductions in education spending and again deprioritize, if you will, education in terms of the Federal role.

Just to give an indication of that, there was an independent analysis of Mr. Dole's economic plan by Business Week, the Concord Coalition and others, that showed that his risky plan would require 40-percent cuts in a broad range of domestic programs, including education, and what they are saying is that a 40-percent cut in education and training would mean 300,000

children could be denied Head Start preschool opportunities, 5,800 local school districts could be denied safe and drug-free school services, 9.700 young people could be denied AmeriCorps national service opportunities and 1.5 million students could be denied Pell Grant scholarships.

So what we would see, the very concerns that we have over what is happened the last 2 years with some of these important education programs, would only be magnified much more if Mr. Dole's economic plan was put into place, and I do not see how the Federal Government can essentially get out of the role of helping with education programs and leave that responsibility in terms of the funding to the States and the local governments, because, as you say, the end result would be that State and local taxes could simply increase, particularly local property taxes, because so many States, including my own State of New Jersey, rely primarily on local property taxes to pay for education programs, and if they do not get Federal help to supplement State help, they would just either have to cut back significantly or raise their local property taxes in order to pay for those same programs just to keep going, just to keep the existing programs going.

Mr. HINCHEY. No question about it. I mean the interesting thing about—actually there are many interesting things about Mr. Dole's proposals—one of the interesting things about his proposal for an almost $550 billion tax cut comes about when people ask him how is he going to do that: How will you cut taxes by $550 billion? What are the programs specifically that you will cut?

Well, he does not come up with specifics. He does not tell us what he is going to do. What he says is: ''Trust me, where there is a will, there is a way.''

And I have heard Jack Kemp say that exactly that way: Where there is a will, there is a way. And Bob Dole has the will; I do not doubt that. I do not doubt that for one moment. I am convinced that Bob Dole has the will to cut Medicare so that it no longer is able to serve our elderly citizens' health care needs, to gut Medicaid so that people who need health care, around-the-clock supervision in nursing homes, people who are elderly, frail elderly, people with total disabilities will be thrown out on the street. I do not doubt that he has the will to do that.

I do not doubt, either, that he has the will to cut education, because they have tried to do it. They have tried to cut education. We have seen them do it in this Congress here this year and last year. We have seen them try in every way they could. We stood in their way and prevented them from doing it, but they tried everything they could to cut education.

One of the things about that that astounded me the most was when they tried to cut the Eisenhower Teacher Training Program. That has been around for a long time. I was a sailor, a white hat sailor on a tin can destroyer in the western Pacific sailing in the Straits of Taiwan when the Soviet Union launched something called sputnik. It was the first satellite ever launched. Dwight Eisenhower was President of the United States, and it was a wake-up call to the President and to this Congress back then in the late 1950's.

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What they did was they decided that they needed to concentrate more on education, and particularly on education in mathematics and science, in physics. So the Eisenhower education program was started to do a very good and very important thing. That was to ensure the best quality teachers in our high schools to teach young people in mathematics and algebra, in calculus, in trigonometry, in physics and basic physics and applied physics. and in other scientific pursuits, so that we could not only compete with the Soviet Union, the then Soviet Union, but surpass them.

As a matter of fact, that program was successful, because we did precisely that. We went on not only to catch up to the Soviets in the space program, but to go far beyond them, surpass them by leaps and bounds. Now the situation is that we are cooperating with them in space today.

But that cooperation would never have come about if the initiative had been left to them. That cooperation has come about only because we surpassed them, because we were better than they were. We then invited them to participate with us, as this very generous Nation had done many times in the past with other people.

But now this Congress wants to eliminate even the Eisenhower education program. That has been a target on their cuts. One of their Presidents, one of their heroes, one of the people that the American people elected who served us well for 8 years in the Presidency in the decade of the 1950's and established this very foresightful, meaningful, important and successful educational program, they want to cut that as well. That is ow far they will go. It is astonishing, I think.

Mr. PALLONE. The amazing thing about it, too, is that it is not that the Democrats do not want to see tax cuts. Essentially, the difference is that we are talking about targeted tax cuts, or tax credits that would actually improve education, in other words; and I know the gentleman shares my feeling. We feel that if there are going to be tax cuts or there are going to be tax credits, they should be used in a very targeted way to help, to help education, to help with environmental concerns, and that what we do not want to see is just tax breaks that primarily go to wealthy individuals and do not help the average person.

When I was talking about these two tax cuts, the Hope scholarship for the first 2 years of college that the President has proposed, $1,500 for your first 2 years, and the $10,000 tuition education tax deduction, when I talked to my constituents about those kinds of tax breaks, they think they are great, because they know that paying for higher education is very difficult. They see that as a way of the Federal Government actually using the Tax Code, if you will, to help improve education and educational opportunities.

Democrats would like to see tax cuts or tax initiatives that actually give a break to individuals, but we want to use them in ways that are going to help our constituents, and not just throw money toward the large corporations or wealthy Americans.

Mr. HINCHEY. That is exactly right. It is the kind of thing we support. I think that is intelligent. I think it is intelligent to provide tax support for people who want to provide their children an education to be able to deduct those costs.

The cost of a college education, I think, makes eminently good sense, obviously, for the young person in that family, for the family itself, but also, very importantly, for the entire country, because our society benefits every time we graduate another person from college, another person with an advanced degree. That person goes out, applies that learning, and it is a synergistic effect.

It is a situation where all of this education coming together, working out there, higher and better education all the time, creates a circumstance where the whole is more than the sum of the parts. It is a very good investment, indeed.

But these guys here, the Gingrich crowd in this House, they have never seen a problem that a tax cut for a millionaire would not solve. They have never seen a problem that they do not want to throw a big tax cut out to the wealthiest people in the country. Their solution to every problem is, find the richest people you can in the country and cut their taxes, and that will solve your problem, because it is the people that they represent.

They have turned their back on middle class America, they have turned their back on the working people of this country by trying to cut their health care and the health care for their parents and grandparents, they have turned their backs on them by trying to cut the educational opportunities for their children, but they never turn their backs on the millionaires. They are willing to cut taxes for them every opportunity they get.

Mr. PALLONE. The amazing thing, too, if I could add, is that the President has been expanding these educational opportunity programs, you know, starting AmeriCorps, the National Service Program, moving to a direct lending program, increasing the amount of money for Pell grants, at the same time that he is reducing the deficit. The deficit, the actual deficit,

has actually been going down every year since he has been in office.

The reason you can expand programs, I will use the direct student loan program as an example. I think we talked about it before, how you are actually eliminating the bank as the middle person, so the money, if you will, that will have gone to pay for the bank's administration of services now goes to the college or university directly to pay essentially for more students to get a loan. So you are actually saving the taxpayers money.

You are eliminating the special-interest middle person, if you will, and the reason that the Republican leadership has been opposing that is because they get money from the special-interest bank or savings association, whatever it is, that actually is making that extra dollar; and, instead, you could abolish the middleman, save money for the taxpayers, probably millions or billions of dollars, and give more students direct loans.

That is what is amazing to me, that you have seen this administration actually expand the programs and give more educational opportunities at less cost and bring the deficit down.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PALLONE. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's leadership, and that of the gentleman from New York, and the work they have done on continuing to get education finally on the right track in this country.

We as a nation have come to a consensus pretty much about the role of local, State and Federal Government in education. No one in this body, certainly on the Democratic side, but I think on the Republican side, too, thinks that the Federal Government should come in and take over the schools and run all the schools' programs. But we have come to a consensus in that local government, by and large, controls the schools.

State government does much of the funding for education. But the Federal Government's role is very important and very precise. It is some support for Head Start, it is student loans, it is programs like drug-free schools. It is helping community colleges from time to time with Federal money. But it is limited.

What we have done is, we have protected, tried to protect that consensus. The leader of the other body, Mr. LOTT's comments were particularly amazing when he talked about education and job training as garbage amendments that Democrats want to put in bills. I do not quite understand what he meant, but I understand his attitude.

His attitude is that programs like drug-free schools and programs to help community colleges, like Lorain County Community College in my district, which is really the jewel of our county in terms of training a lot of people that are not just in their teens but in their twenties and thirties, going back, working full-time, going back to school and preparing for the future. That is so important.

We are finally, with the President's leadership and people like the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. PALLONE, and the gentleman from New York, Mr. HINCHEY, in this House, aiming education in the right direction: giving tax breaks to people for college tuition, so middle class families can send their kids on to school; providing student loans and strengthening the direct loan program, as you suggested, Mr. PALLONE, so the middleman is cut out, and we can give those loans directly and not see banks and others basically take their cut off the top of these student loan programs or of these student loans.

One of the things that the President said, I think that makes the most sense with the Families First agenda and in the President's agenda, in the President's plan, is a 2-year college scholarship for students who maintain a B average.

In Elyria, OH, in my district, there is Lorain County Community College. That opportunity for students has given Lorain County the highest rate of 2-year associate degrees of any county, I believe, in all of Ohio. It has prepared people for all kinds of good employment, given people all kinds of opportunity.

I also know people that are going to LC, to Lorain County Community College, that have really struggled, because they have not been able to put together the money and raise their children while they are working. They have done all they could do to come up with money to go to school. They sometimes have been in and out of Lorain Community College and not been able to continue their education, uninterrupted.

The President's program will make sure that we are on the right track to be able to do that, so Lorain County Community College can continue to provide the sort of opportunities to get people, to get them into the middle class, to allow them to continue to stay in the middle class when their job is downsized and their company cuts back, as is happening all over this country.

For us to follow Mr. LOTT, the Republican leader of the other body, his idea to just junk some of these education programs and this job training, makes no sense. If we are going to compete internationally, if we are going to compete around the globe, we cannot cut education. We cannot end the student loan program. We cannot cut out the Pell grants. We cannot cut out the drug-free school programs and defund Head Start and some of these programs that have really simply provided an opportunity for America's middle class and poor kids.

There is nothing more important that government can do than provide opportunity, nothing. The best programs that come out of this institution, the best direction of government, is to help people have opportunity. Lorain County Community College has done that in Elyria, OH. All kinds of community colleges and other schools around the country have done that.

We have no business ever restricting opportunity. We should work toward expanding opportunity with student loans and tax breaks for parents in middle-class families to send their kids on to school, whether it is a 4-year university or a community college. It just does not make sense to do anything otherwise.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I agree. The amazing thing about it is that we continue to hear statements during this presidential campaign from Mr. Dole saying how he is going to be the education President, or that he is going to prioritize education.

Yet we know from his own record that he has consistently voted against expanding education programs and that the President, President Clinton, in the last 4 years has probably done more to expand educational opportunities, particularly at the higher education level, college and for graduate programs, than anybody else.

I just saw it myself, but twice he came to my district in the last 3 years or so and talked about, he was at Rutgers University on both occasions, and talked about the National Direct Student Loan Program, the AmeriCorps Program. I have actually witnessed students that are involved in these programs, and they are just very helpful. They are not only helpful in terms of helping the students, but they also help the community.

For example, we have AmeriCorps students in some of the secondary schools that are basically supplementing the programs, the normal education program students get in school; you know, basically providing them with extra instruction after school or whatever. We have AmeriCorps students that have been working on clean water projects, basically testing the water in the Raritan River and looking for ways to try to do better, further cleanup.

So that program, just as an example, is one where students get money for college or pay back their loan. They are working in the community, so they build up a community spirit. At the same time, they are actually accomplishing something that helps people.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, the gentleman said this benefits the community at large. There are about 40 million Americans today who have gotten some student loan or grant assistance from the Federal Government to further their educations. Some 40 million Americans have gotten this, whether it is the GI bill, Perkins, or some other program, direct loan, through the Federal Government, sponsored by the Federal Government, whatever.

Think, if the Government had not been involved in any of these, the GI bill or the student loans of any kind, or Perkins or whatever, think how many of those 40 million would not be able to contribute to the community the way they are doing. They are scientists, teachers, nurses, people who are working as electricians, people doing all kinds of things to make this society a better place.

If we had not provided those loans from the 1940's on, or those grants from the 1940's on, where would we be as a society? For us, all in the name, as Mr. HINCHEY said, in order to give tax breaks to the richest people in those countries, the only way to pay for those tax breaks, as the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] has said on the floor, would be to cut Medicare, cut student loans. It is unconscionable.

To give tax breaks to the tune of $500 billion, as Mr. Dole is suggesting, or the $300 billion that the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH] has suggested, and tried to get through this House time after time after time, and actually shut down the government over, to give those tax breaks to the wealthy, the only way to pay for it is cuts in Medicare and student loans.

Why would we sacrifice potentially tens of millions of students who could benefit in the next decade or so, who could benefit from student loans, direct student loans, and various kinds of Federal grants and loans, why would we sacrifice them so we could give a tax break, mostly to people who do not need it, people making $250,000 to $300,000 a year?

Also they could give this break and really restrict the opportunity that millions of Americans, middle-class Americans and poor kids, would have in the next decade or so.

Mr. HINCHEY. There is an irony here also that should not be lost. There are a great many people in this Congress, including a great many who are advocating the abolition of student loans, or to make student loans more difficult, or the abolition of Pell grants, or to make Pell grants more difficult, or cutting of education in various ways, who themselves would not have had the opportunity for education if it had not been for the GI bill, say, for example, or Perkins, or a Pell grant, or something of that nature.

There is something terribly ironic and difficult to understand about that, how people who are here by virtue of the fact that they had help from the public purse in some way, at some point in their life, to expand themselves, to expand their careers and expand their opportunities, now want to deny that to another generation.

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I think that is terribly perverse at best. The example of student loans is just another one that I think just cries out for understanding. Where is the logic here, unless it is that you just want to provide a few extra dollars to some banker to make it more costly for a student to get an education, to make it more costly for the taxpayer to help provide educational opportunity for the next generation of Americans. And in denying that taxpayer the opportunity for a little lower taxes and denying the student the opportunity for education, you simply are just transferring that benefit to some banker who does not need it, by introducing some third party into the student loan process.

I think that making the student loans direct was one of the simplest yet one of the most effective things that the President has done with regard to the availability of higher education. I applaud him for it. I think anybody who recognizes the value of that program does the same.

Mr. PALLONE. I know from my own experience that there was no way that I would have been able to go to college or law school or graduate school without a combination of the student loan program, scholarships from the college or graduate school that I went to as well as the work study program. In fact, when the session began 2 years ago, the Republican leadership was also talking about either abolishing or cutting back significantly on the work study program. Again, how absurd.

Mr. Speaker, here we have students working their way through college. You would think that would be the epitome of a type of program we would want to keep, a work study program, but they were talking about cutting back on that. Plus a lot of people will say to me, particularly if they go to a private school, they will say, I got a scholarship from the private school or from an individual that donated money to the private school. But the fact of the matter is that a large portion of the money, whether they are private or public institutions, given out in scholarships, in other words, when a student gets a scholarship from the university, be it private or public, a lot of that money is also coming from the Federal Government. So it is not just the Pell grants, the Perkins loans, or the student loans. Even the money that is coming directly in scholarships from the college oftentimes a lot of that is coming from the Federal Government as well.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. It is so shortsighted to think about making cuts in education, whether it is the student loan, the drug free schools program that, while Senator Dole runs around the country talking about drugs and illegal drugs that we have got to deal with it, and he votes and leads the charge against with Mr. GINGRICH, the leader of this House, to try to cut back on the drug free schools program, it is just so shortsighted.

When you think of what, as a nation, are we going to do if we cut these kinds of programs, these kinds of opportunities for kids to go on to school, whether it is a 2-year school, a 2-year community college, or 4-year degree at a State university or whatever. Interestingly, one of the things, as Mr. Dole has gone around the country talking about his $550 billion tax break, which is going to make these education cuts even worse that Mr. GINGRICH and Mr. Dole have already tried to pass through this institution that the President has vetoed, but as he has gone around the country talking about this $550 billion tax break, mostly for the wealthy, he has also promised group after group after group that he is not going to cut them.

He has said to military groups, I am going to increase military spending. He says to veterans groups, I am not going to cut you. But the other day he said most interestingly, I am going to double the amount of money that the Federal Government spends on prisons. So he is going to keep increasing this, this, this, and this, and what is left to cut? The only thing left to cut unfortunately is Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, student loans, environmental protection. That is about all that is left in all the things he has talked about because he has promised every other group he is not going to cut them.

Mr. Speaker, it is interesting to juxtapose cutting education, putting it next to increasing money on prisons. If we are going to cut education, we are going to have to build more prisons. If we are going to restrict opportunity for middle-class kids, for working class or poor kids, we just better start planning to spend more money on prisons, more money on alcohol abuse programs and drug abuse programs, and all of that if kids do not have the opportunity when they are 18 or 22 years old when they finish school. Again, it is so shortsighted. To restrict kids' opportunity, to restrict people when they are 30 years old that are working in a job, and trying to go back to Lorain Community College or somewhere else and simply cannot scrape the money together, and the Government is not interested in helping. What are people going to do to stay in the middle class, to achieve middle-class status and lifestyles and stay in the middle class?

To me, our country in all the opportunities we have provided with things like the GI bill are to build a strong middle class. If we are going to just throw up our hands as a government and say, sorry, no more, the Government is no longer on the side of helping to provide opportunity for young people, we are just going to give up, give tax breaks to the wealthy and forget about opportunity and forget about education, I wonder what is going to happen to this country. It is a scary thought.

Mr. PALLONE. I agree. I know we do not have a lot of time left. I guess maybe we should wrap up at this point. I am just so glad that both of you came here and joined me to talk about this, because I know that Congressman BROWN kept using the term educational

opportunity. I think that is really what it is all about. We are not talking about handouts here to people who do not want to learn. We are talking about providing an opportunity so that everyone in this country can get an education at the highest level that they want and that they deserve and that they are willing to work for. That is what it is all about.

That is the promise, if you will, of America. If that promise is not there anymore, it makes it much more difficult for us to talk to our constituents or our children about equal opportunity. The equal opportunity just will not be there anymore. That is why I think it is really important that we continue to work toward that equal opportunity goal, particularly when it comes to education, which is so important for the future. I want to thank both of you for joining me.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to take up a cause that is the No. 1 concern of millions of working parents and is an issue that the Republicans have called garbage. I am talking about the education of our children. I am talking about the future of our democracy and how we as a nation will take on the challenges of the 21st century. Let's look at the record of the Gingrich Congress. In 1995, the Republican Congress voted for the largest education cuts in history—slashing education programs by 15 percent or $3.6 billion. They voted to eliminate the funding for Goals 2000 School Reform which sought to raise the achievement levels of 44 million children. They voted to cut the Safe and Drug Free Schools Program by 57 percent—denying 23 million students services that keep drugs and violence away from children and their schools. They voted to cut Head Start by $137 million.

All of these cuts were in the face of the largest school enrollment in the history of our Nation—this is the time of the baby-boom echo. these are the children of the baby-boom generation that Republicans want to face their future with less resources for their education.

Finally, yesterday, the Republicans could no longer take the heat that they were shortchanging our Nation's schoolchildren and are now prepared to restore $2.3 billion of education cuts they took out of President Clinton's proposed spending for schools in fiscal year 1997. They now want to bury this issue and go home and try to forget about how they have done our children the worst disservice possible. How they want to forget that there are fewer teachers in the classrooms this fall because of what they did last year. They want to wash away their guilt when they see classrooms in school lunchrooms and even closets. We need to be increasing education funding, in light of growing school enrollments—not cutting. We need to invest more in our future and the future of our children.

Still, Mr. Speaker, Republicans have had the audacity to call our efforts to increase spending for education political garbage. Well, is it political garbage for working parents to see Republicans cut valuable funding for basic reading and math skills, Head Start, summer jobs for kids, school-to-work initiatives and Pell grants for college students. It may be garbage to them, but it's the key to our future.

So, don't be fooled by these 11th hour Republican conversions. Republicans can't go home now and undo the damage they have done to our schools. We have to keep up the pressure—Republicans can't be trusted with our children's education. This November, let's throw out the real garbage.

Democrats have a real agenda for working families that helps them to prepare their children for the challenges of the 21st century. Our Families First Agenda offers a brighter path for the future education for our children. It offers a better chance for helping get our kids to college.

With stagnating household incomes and the ever-increasing costs of a college education, American families are worried about how they are going to send their children to college. And what have the Republicans done to help? They have voted again and again over the last 2 years to slash student loan programs and to eliminate direct student loans. They have also voted to cut back on Pell grants and Perkins loans. All of this in the face of a fact that every working person knows—a college degree is a ticket to a higher income. It is a ticket to a better life and a life that is becoming more and more out of reach for greater numbers of people every year.

Families First Agenda includes a HOPE Scholarship Program that President Clinton offered in June. It would provide all students with a $1,500 refundable tax credit for full time students who keep up their grades. The HOPE Scholarship Program tries to make 2 years of college as universally accessible as high school is today.

This Democratic Families First educational initiative also includes a $10,000 tax deduction for education and training expenses. This deduction is up to $10,000 a year for each family. It would be available even for families that don't itemize their deductions. And this is in addition to the tax credit which is $1,500 for each student. It all adds up to help for families that want to see their children get a college education and have a better life.

Mr. Speaker, education is the key that will unlock our potential for the country's future. We have to at least help our families put the key in the door. Congress should not go home without giving our children a chance at a better life. We need to provide for safe and drug free schools and for strong investments in education and training of America's young people and workers. That, Mr. Speaker is the right way to prepare our country to compete in the world economy of the 21st century.

Mr. Speaker, we have finally gotten the Republicans to see the light. Quoting from the Washington Post of September 18, 1996:

GOP RESTORES $2.3 BILLION IT CUT IN EDUCATION FUNDS—REPUBLICANS WANT TO AVOID PREELECTION GRIDLOCK

Bombarded by Democratic charges that they were shortchanging the country's schoolchildren, Senate Republicans agreed to match President Clinton's proposed spending for schools by restoring $2.3 billion that Republicans had cut from education accounts for next year.

The GOP concession on education spending came only minutes before Democrats were prepared to offer a proposal to add $3.1 billion for education and job training to an Interior Department spending bill. Before they could offer their proposal, Lott told reporters Republicans were prepared to add back $2.3 billion for education alone.

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TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE TOM BEVILL AND THE HONORABLE GLEN BROWDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCINNIS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. CALLAHAN] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

WATCH FOR ELECTION-YEAR SPIN IN HOUSE FLOOR SPEECHES

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, it must be confusing to the people who are watching this, both in the gallery and on C–SPAN, about what we are talking about today. During this time of our political careers in history, it is an election year. It is like selling Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola. You have one side that says Pepsi-Cola is better, and one side that says Coca-Cola is better. What we do is create spin efforts. We try to convince the American people that one side is going to do all of these evil things, and the sky is going to fall if indeed a certain individual is elected President.

You hear things about cutting Medicare. There is not a provision anywhere in Washington where anybody has introduced or even suggested that we cut Medicare. All of this is partisan politics, trying to convince you, trying to manipulate you, the audience, into believing their side or our side of any particular issue.

They just talked about the environment. We are not going to destroy the environment. Not one individual in this entire body wants to do anything to do harm to the environment.

So as you go through these little periods of speeches on the floor of the House, keep in mind that it is that time of year. You are intelligent people. You can make your own mind up. Base it on character, base it on history, base it upon the future, base it on whatever you want. But keep in mind that these are like television ads. They are just a few minutes dedicated to the Members of the House to come here and express their views, and to try to convince you that the future lies in someone else's hands, or the future lies in the hands of those that have it today.

Spin is interesting here in Washington, because, you know, I heard the Secretary of Defense went over to Kuwait. I think all of us in the House knew, and certainly everybody in television land knew, and certainly, Mr. Speaker, you knew, that the Kuwaitis decided they did not want us there, even though we sent 500,000 men over there to save their country. When we tried to send 3,500 men there, they balked. But in any event, the Secretary went over there and he explained it. Finally, they let us come in.

But the spin that came out of it, and I quote the Washington Post, Mr.

Speaker, it said that the Kuwaitis are inviting us over there to protect their interests. That is spin.

But for the next hour, we are not going to be partisan. We are not going to be Republicans, we are not going to be Democrats. We are going to be telling you some of the things that have taken place during the last several sessions of the Congress, and about two or three individuals that have been an integral part of that. They are two Democrats, and I am a Republican, but there are two Democratic Members of the House who are retiring from Congress this year.

I have requested 1 hour of this time to come in a nonpartisan sense to talk about these two individuals, these two Members of Congress that have made a tremendous contribution to this country during the time that they have served.

We have not always agreed. We agreed generally only on those things that were very beneficial to Alabama, because in the Alabama delegation, unlike some of the other delegations in this Congress, we work together, whether we are Democrats or Republicans. If we have a problem, if we have a need in the State of Alabama, the delegation meets on a monthly basis and we discuss with each other the needs, and why we need it.

I had a home port in Mobile that I was trying to get and got it, because I brought it to our delegation. I said, I need the help of all seven of you. We have things in Huntsville, we had an Army base in Anniston that one of our Members had some problems with. We always work together.

Some States do not work together on anything. Some Democrats never work with Republicans, and some Republicans never work with Democrats. But in Alabama we have been blessed, blessed to have seven members of our delegation who do work together; who do not always agree on the national issues, who do not always agree on individual bills, but who do have a guidance and a direction that moves toward a better America and a better Alabama.

The gentleman from Alabama, Mr. TOM BEVILL, from Alabama's Fourth Congressional District, married to Lou, has three lovely children; born in Townley, AL, the son of a coal miner, he attained the rank of captain in the U.S. Army while serving in the European theater during World War II.

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He holds an LL.B. degree from the University of Alabama School of Law. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1966.

He was chairman for most of this time of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, from 1977 to 1994. As chairman, Congressman BEVILL encouraged substantial development of Alabama's waterways and the Port of Mobile and all the waterways and all of the ports of this entire Nation. For example, he was instrumental in the development of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. This development allowed the United States to assert its full power in international trade. He remains the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development even today.

The other Member retiring is GLEN BROWDER from the Third Congressional District of the State of Alabama, married to Becky. They have one daughter, I think a student at Auburn. At least they live near Auburn. He holds a Ph.D. in political science from Emory University in Atlanta. He served as a political science professor at Jacksonville State University, served for 4 years in the Alabana State House of Representatives, and was elected to Congress in a special election in 1989. He serves on the House Committees on Budget and National Security. While serving on these committees in the House, Congressman BROWDER has exerted an influential, fiscally responsible philosophy. As I have said, we did not always agree on some national issues. But you could never, never worry about the integrity of these two individuals, or about the word of these two individuals. If they told you they were not going to vote for you, you just as well put it in your hat to know they were not going to vote for you, not because they disliked you, not because I was a Republican, but because they disagreed with me. And that is the way this body works. It is made up of 435 individual men and women from all walks of life, from all of the States. All of us have had some degree of success in our other lives or we would not be here today. You do not elect unsuccessful people to Congress. You elect people that have been responsible people and leaders in their community.

So while there is bickering between these two on all these partisan issues trying to convince you through their statements to vote for either Bob Dole or for Bill Clinton or to tell you that there ought to be a Republican majority versus a Democratic majority in the House, keep in mind that all of that is partisan spin politics. You are the people who make that decision, and I trust your decision.

We have only 1 hour today to talk about these two individuals, these two great Americans, and dozens of people have called and dozens have asked to come and to share with me this 1 hour that we have to pay tribute to these two great American people.

The first is a friend of mine from Indiana, Congressman JOHN MYERS. He is going to retire as well, but now he is chairman of the same subcommittee that TOM BEVILL once chaired.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, we thank our friend, the gentleman from Alabama, SONNY CALLAHAN, for taking this hour to remember and honor 30 years of service of our colleague.

On November 8, 1966, 72 new Members were elected to Congress, 59 Republicans and 13 Democrats. Today, there are three of us in that class remaining in the House of Representatives, and as has been mentioned already, all three of us have chosen this 30th year in Congress to retire: Congressman MONTGOMERY from Mississippi; the person we are honoring this afternoon, TOM BEVILL of Alabama; and I am from Indiana.

That class, there was another Member who went on, had trouble keeping a job here, served only 4 years in the House, but I talked with him this morning, former Vice President and former President of the United States, George Bush, said for me to extend best wishes and congratulations to TOM BEVILL and SONNY MONTGOMERY for their 30 years of service.

TOM, as I call him, has served 18 years as chairman of the subcommittee where we both have served those 18 years, and I served those 18 years as his ranking member; and the past 2 years, because of the election, I have been given the honor of holding the chairmanship and TOM has been the ranking member. But the relationship never changed; it is completely, absolutely nonpartisan.

TOM is a gentleman. Nothing went into a bill unless we both agreed, when he was chairman. The last 2 years, with the confrontation of a few people, partisanship does not play a role in our subcommittee; it continued the same way. The country was more important.

TOM grew up in Alabama, was born in Alabama. His family had a little country store, and TOM worked as a clerk in that country store, growing up. It was a coal mining area. He went on to graduate from Walker County High School in Alabama, went on to the University of Alabama, where he got his law degree, and then served in Europe in World War II.

He came back and practiced law for 18 years in Jasper, AL, where they still claim home. But the thing in Alabama, and I have visited his district many, many times, both Democrats and Republicans voted for TOM BEVILL because they knew they had a person that was fair, and just as the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. CALLAHAN] mentioned here, would tell you the truth and you knew you were not getting doubletalk. They loved TOM BEVILL and they still love TOM BEVILL.

So he is going to go back home, I understand, and be an Alabamian once again, go back with his wife, Lou. His wife, Lou, my wife, Carol, the two couples have been friends for the 30 years we have had the honor of serving together in this Congress, but TOM and Lou BEVILL are true great people. Their three children and their grandchildren, I know they are going to enjoy.

So today I am pleased to be able to join the many friends that TOM BEVILL has to say thank you, TOM, for your years of service and thank you for your courtesy. Thanks for being a gentleman all of those years when we served together.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi, SONNY MONTGOMERY, another gentleman that is retiring this year, who was just mentioned by the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. MYERS].

Mr. MONTGOMERY. I thank the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. CALLAHAN] for giving me this opportunity, and I would like to pay tribute to both TOM BEVILL and GLEN BROWDER on their retirements.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak today about our longtime friend, TOM BEVILL. TOM and I both, as mentioned by JOHN MYERS, started as freshmen together. We have been friends ever since. That was 30 years ago. During that time, I have to say that there has never been a better representative for Alabama or for this Nation than TOM BEVILL.

Mr. Speaker, he served in the European theater during World War II and attained the rank of captain. We three, TOM BEVILL, JOHN MYERS and I, all three served in the European theater. We did not serve together, but we were there at the same time. So coming to Washington for TOM BEVILL was not a tough, big problem; because he had been in the war, he knew that he could handle the job.

His constituents are very proud of him. He has had an excellent record with the people of his State and his congressional district. Mr. Speaker, he might have had a tough race the first time he ran, the first 2 years, but after that, he has been elected without opposition and really has had no problems coming to the Congress again.

As has been mentioned, he is the senior member of the House Committee on Appropriations and served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development from 1977 to 1994. He is now the ranking member, as we all know, and he and JOHN MYERS worked together so well. He did have a lot to do with the Tenn-Tom waterway system which goes between our two States, Alabama and Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, on the Tenn-Tom, there is a lock and dam that bears the name of Tom Bevill Lock and Dam. And our congressional districts adjoin each other. But the biggest sign in my congressional district is Tom Bevill Lock and Dam and the sign points that way. I tease him a lot about that, but it is the biggest sign in my congressional district.

I have enjoyed having TOM BEVILL be a part of the prayer breakfast group, and PETE GEREN of Texas asked that I would mention about TOM BEVILL, he is known as the assistant to the assistant chaplain at our prayer breakfast. He does not get to act much, but he does come a lot, and we have enjoyed very much working together.

So about TOM, Lou has been wonderful. He has got three wonderful children. I wish him the best.

Moving to GLEN BROWDER, we are very proud of GLEN and what he has done since he has been in the Congress. I serve with him on the Committee on National Security, and he has performed his duties as well as any Member I know. Fort McClellan, AL, is in his congressional district. He has actually himself, with help from the other Members of the Alabama delegation, saved Fort McClellan, AL, from being closed. Fort McClellan has been on the base closure list for a number of years. I know for sure he has saved it for 2 years in a row.

We wish GLEN, his wife, Becky, and their daughter, Jenny Rebecca, the best in the future. GLEN, Washington and the House of Representatives will miss you.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield just a few minutes to one of the individuals we are retiring. To show you what kind of individual he is, he is here to give praise to the other Member we are talking about, Congressman TOM BEVILL of Alabama.

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend and colleague, Congressman CALLAHAN.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and colleague from Alabama, Congressman GLEN BROWDER.

GLEN is leaving office with a fine record of service to Alabama's Third Congressional District since 1989. As you know, GLEN was elected after the death of our long-time colleague Bill Nichols.

While no one could replace Bill Nichols, GLEN certainly has done an outstanding job picking up where Congressman Nichols left off. He has made a name for himself as a quietly determined, highly intelligent and well-focused Member of Congress.

Like Bill Nichols, GLEN BROWDER won a seat on the House National Security Committee where he has become a very effective advocate on a wide range of military issues. He fought to keep Fort McClellan off the base closure list and developed broad expertise on the use and storage of chemical weapons.

He has worked diligently on behalf of Persian Gulf veterans who have suffered strange symptoms since returning from the conflict with Iraq. GLEN has pushed the Pentagon to provide more information on their potential exposure to chemical agents.

GLEN BROWDER has always been fiscally conservative and has provided outstanding leadership on campaign reform issues and budget matters.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with GLEN BROWDER, especially on projects of concern to Alabama. He has always been very dedicated, not only to his district, but also to our entire State of Alabama and our Nation.

Whatever course GLEN BROWDER chooses to pursue, I am confident he will be highly successful. Meanwhile, his accomplishments here in the Congress will always be remembered and appreciated.

GLEN, I wish you and your lovely wife Becky all the best in your future endeavors.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to recognize, he has a conference he must attend, a little bit out of order but nevertheless not out of order with respect to his vitality to this conversation, Mr. ALAN MOLLOHAN of West Virginia.

Mr. MOLLOHAN. I thank the distinguished gentleman and chairman. I appreciate very much his making possible this special order.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to take the floor today for this fitting tribute to our distinguished colleagues from Alabama, TOM BEVILL and GLEN BROWDER. I am pleased to add my personal words of appreciation for their contributions to this House and to offer my best wishes to each of them as their terms come to a close and as they look to their future.

I had the great pleasure of serving with GLEN on the Committee on the Budget. He is particularly distinguished, bright, makes a wonderful contribution to that committee and brings a lot of common sense to the process. I know that he will prosper as he leaves the House and I certainly wish him well.

Naturally as a member of the Committee on Appropriations, I will acutely feel the absence of the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. BEVILL] and the leadership that he has provided to that committee as chairman and the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

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He is one of the most respected members of our Committee on Appropriations and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, and it saddens me greatly to see him go.

For a long number of years, my father, who served in this body, served with TOM BEVILL, and dad always considered him to be as close as you could come to the ideal of a Member of Congress.

Since taking up the responsibilities of representing the First Congressional District here, I have found that dad is absolutely right. TOM BEVILL is bright, he is disciplined, he is full of integrity, and not only courteous but he is kind. These are the qualities that have made him an effective, popular Representative of the people of Alabama's Fourth Congressional District. They are the same qualities that have made him a widely admired Member of the House.

Of course, he has made his mark through his years of leadership of the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee. That can be a tough job. There are so many worthy projects brought to the attention of this subcommittee, real needs, urgent needs in communities all across the Nation, yet even in the best of times there are simply not enough resources to go around.

Being able to take up as many of them as possible and blend them into a thoughtful national policy, well, that is a real legislative art, and TOM BEVILL is the master of it.

Mr. Speaker, I doubt there is a district anywhere that has not benefited in some measure from TOM BEVILL's commitment to meeting America's energy and water development needs. His good work will be remembered long after he leaves this body. So, too, will his gracious manner and the good will he has consistently shown to Members on both sides of the aisle.

That is a real hallmark of his service. In fact, he has worked hand in hand in a real bipartisan spirit with another very distinguished and retiring Member of this House and of this committee, the gentleman from Indiana, JOHN MYERS.

JOHN MYERS has been equally an outstanding servant of the people. They are both wonderful men and a powerful legislative team.

TOM BEVILL is a true gentleman, as well as a distinguished legislator, and he will be missed sorely. Thank you, Mr. BEVILL, and thank you, too, Mr. BROWDER, for your faithful service to this House and to the people of West Virginia, and my best personal best wishes go with you.

I also want to share with you the great expression of appreciation from the constituents of the First Congressional District of West Virginia for all your consideration of their needs over these many years. God bless.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to recognize one of the gentlemen we are talking about today so he can pay honor to the other gentleman we are talking about today. I am talking about Mr. BROWDER of Alabama.

(Mr. BROWDER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWDER. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank SONNY CALLAHAN, my good friend and fellow Alabamian, for arranging this special order and for all who are participating here.

I was in the gallery with my wife, Mr. Speaker, and I heard TOM BEVILL speaking about me and now it is my turn to speak about him.

For the past 30 years, TOM BEVILL has been representing our State and our country with distinction and dedication. His sincere interest in the betterment of this great land of ours has meant a great deal to many of our districts.

In my own district of east Alabama, for example, TOM BEVILL has exercised his leadership to help Alabama, Georgia, and Florida avoid a nasty scrap over the water resources we share. Because of the work and studies he sponsored, we seem to be moving toward a regional understanding on this vital issue.

TOM served 18 years as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Energy and Water Resources. There is not a State in this country that is not a better place because of TOM BEVILL's work and his knowledge. Without a doubt he will leave an indelible imprint on our country that cannot be erased and will not be duplicated.

TOM has always been a special friend. He introduced me to the House when I was sworn in as a Member after a special election in 1989. At a time like that, it is nice to have a man of his stature speaking for you.

TOM has the respect of Members on both sides of the aisle. He has earned this respect by his hard work, his attention to detail, and his willingness to help another Member, even when there is no political gain for himself.

On this occasion I also want to mention TOM's lovely wife, Lou, who is as strong and caring a person as TOM. I wish them both the best for all they have done for Alabama and the rest of the country.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. BROWDER for his kind words and for his service.

I want to now introduce my next-door neighbor, the man who represents the congressional district next to mine, Congressman TERRY EVERETT, of Alabama.

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to first thank my colleague, SONNY CALLAHAN, for giving me and the rest of us this opportunity to offer a personal tribute to two of my colleagues who leave this House having earned very distinguished records of service. TOM BEVILL, the Fourth District of Alabama, and GLEN BROWDER, of the Third District, are well-known to the people of Alabama for their active leadership to Alabama and the Nation.

TOM BEVILL is the dean of the Alabama delegation here in Washington, having been elected to this body 30 years ago. TOM's gentlemanly manner, his character, and his great legislative skills have earned him the respect of his peers.

Having served as a long-time chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, TOM's influence has, as has already been noted here, today has been felt over the entire Nation for decades in major energy research development and public works projects from coast to coast.

At home in Alabama, Chairman BEVILL led the drive to build the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. We heard Mr. MONTGOMERY talk about signs in his district, in Mississippi, naming something after Mr. BEVILL. There is a joke that you cannot travel through a single town in Mr. BEVILL's district in north Alabama without seeing the Bevill name on a building somewhere. And while that may be true, let it also be known that there is a Bevill building on the campus of Sparks State Technical College in Eufaula, AL, down in my district in southeast Alabama.

TOM and his wife, Lou, will be missed here in Washington after January, but they certainly deserve a much earned rest back home in Jasper. I wish them both the very best, and I know that TOM will have more opportunities to meet with my good friend, our mutual friend, Doug Pearson, for coffee more often.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to speak about another departing colleague, GLEN BROWDER of Alabama of the Third District. GLEN BROWDER came to Congress in a special election in 1989 to fill the unexpired term of the late Congressman Bill Nichols.

GLEN, who sits with me on the House Committee on National Security, quickly proved his mettle in successfully blocking three out of four Base Closure Commission attempts to close Anniston's Fort McClellan Army base.

GLEN also made a name for himself as a budget hawk by gaining a seat on the House Committee on the Budget and adding focus to the congressional effort to reach a balanced budget. GLEN's fiscal conservatism and hard work in support of our Nation's military and veterans will be very, very much missed.

I wish him and his wife, Becky, the very best as they return to Jacksonville, AL.

Mr. Speaker, both these gentlemen have given great service to Alabama and to the Nation and have extended great courtesy to me personally and I thank them. God go with them.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Alabama, and at this time we are going to go outside the State of Alabama, Mr. Speaker. I yield time to the gentlewoman from Arkansas, Mrs. BLANCHE LINCOLN.

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Alabama for yielding. I, too, Mr. Speaker, rise today to pay tribute to two fine gentlemen from the State of Alabama. I am also proud to be here among the other folks that are here paying tribute. I find myself in excellent company.

I have had the privilege of serving with these two gentlemen for my tenure here in the Congress. I feel like it has been a real honor to be along their side.

Congressman TOM BEVILL has served the Fourth District of Alabama with distinction since 1966, but in many ways he has served all of our districts at one time or another. As chairman of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee from 1977 to 1994, Congressman BEVILL has probably been more instrumental than any Member in protecting, preserving, and managing America's water resources.

His charge has not been an easy one in distributing an ever-shrinking amount of funds to an ever-increasing number of worthy projects from around the Nation. Yet he has always been fair and nonpartisan in his work, and his word is ironclad.

When I first came to Congress 4 years ago, the appropriations process was an unintelligible maze to me. In an effort to understand the process better and to serve my district, I went to TOM BEVILL for advice. It could have been a very intimidating experience, a young woman, new on Capitol Hill, visiting a

powerful chairman, but it was not. TOM BEVILL welcomed me as an equal and treated me with the utmost of respect. He helped me learn more about the process and was instrumental in guiding several landmark Arkansas water projects through the Congress, one on behalf of the people of the First District of Arkansas. I want to thank him for his hard work on our behalf.

I know that Mr. BEVILL's best days are ahead of him as he leaves Congress to return to his life of a private citizen. I want to wish him and his wife Lou the best.

There is one story I think that I must share with the rest of my colleagues, and I think it says a little bit about Mr. BEVILL that we all really know.

Not only has he served the people of this country and of Alabama and all of our other districts well, he has done so in a very wise and gentlemanly way, but he has not forgotten the important things in life. One day as we sat on the floor here, Mr. BEVILL and I were visiting, and I had on a red jacket. And he looked at me and he said: I see you in that red jacket and, he said, I am reminded. My wife was wearing a red jacket the day that we first had our—I think it was the day you proposed to her, perhaps? Or maybe it was your first date.

TOM BEVILL does not forget, and he does not forget the most important things in life. He has served us all very well in this institution. He served our Nation and the folks of Alabama. We would all do well to follow the example of his career, commitment, fairness, grace, and humility. TOM BEVILL is the kind of Member and person that we all strive to be, and I am proud to have served here with him and to have learned so much.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to say a word about my fellow Congressman, GLEN BROWDER, from Alabama's Third District. I have had the true honor of serving as a blue dog with GLEN during the 104th Congress. GLEN, like myself, is a founding member of this notorious band of independent Democrats. We have worked hard for that name and have had a great deal of fun with it.

The blue dog mission, however, has been about meeting two principal goals: balancing the budget in a fiscally responsible as well as a fair way, and bringing commonsense solutions to Washington, DC.

Since coming to Congress in 1989, GLEN has never swayed from those goals. He was instrumental in crafting the blue dogs' balanced budget and had an active voice in all of our policy decisions.

I am not sure what GLEN's plans are for the future, but I certainly know he will bring the same dedications and honor to his new endeavors as he has to his work here in Congress. I join my colleagues in honoring these two gentlemen, and I wish them Godspeed in the future ahead for both of them.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Arkansas, and I now recognize the gentleman from north Alabama, Mr. CRAMER.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Alabama. I, of course, want to stand here today to pay tribute to two of my best friends, TOM BEVILL and GLEN BROWDER. I joined this Alabama team in 1991, so I have been here for 6 years. During that time the entire Alabama delegation taught me that Alabama has a notorious reputation for sticking together. We put Alabama's issues first, we put our party labels second.

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And they demonstrated that all of the time that I was here. Of course, TOM BEVILL and I represent all of north Alabama. I have many industries in north Alabama that are dependent for their jobs on Federal budgets, like the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center and the Army presence at Redstone Arsenal. I have the Tennessee Valley Authority in north Alabama, as well.

We have so many connections to the Federal budget that if any part of it is squeezed, we feel part of the pain from that squeeze. TOM BEVILL jumped from the get-go when I got here to make sure that I had available to me his position of power, as I would put it, not as he would put it, there on the Subcommittee on Energy and Water and on the Committee on Appropriations, as well.

Whenever I needed to fight a battle, I could fight that battle with the presence of TOM BEVILL, literally. Tom and his wife Lou, his daughters Patty and Susan, and his son Don, are like family members to me, so it is very difficult for me to think of losing TOM BEVILL to this institution, much less as part of my professional life here in the Congress.

But as I stand here today in the presence of JOHN MYERS, and SONNY MONTGOMERY who left here, and listen to them talk, as I have both today and days before today, about their experiences here together and separately in this Congress, it makes me think that they just do not make people like that much anymore. They are all three illustrations to those of us here now that the behavior that we sometimes fall into does not have to be fallen into.

These are men who work well together. They put their partisan politics to the side. There is an appropriate place for that, but they bring into this institution daily a professionalism that would be hard to match this day and time. We are going to miss all three of them.

My colleague, GLEN BROWDER, was slightly behind me in his tenure here. I should say ahead of me; he came here slightly before I came here. And GLEN was, as well, an Alabama team member available to me when I got here; from Jacksonville State University, where he served on the faculty at that fine Alabama educational institution. He served also in the Alabama State House. He was Alabama Secretary of State as well. He brought that Alabama background to our Alabama team.

Of course, when you come to Congress you do not get to be on every committee you want to be on. GLEN was on the Armed Services Committee and, as I said, with our presence in north Alabama at the Redstone Arsenal, with the jobs that we had there, often I had to go to GLEN and say, ''We in the Fifth District need your help.'' And he was available to me just as the rest of the Alabama team was available to me. And because I have the kind of district that I have, I was often turning to GLEN for advice about how do I get ready to fight NASA's battles on the floor or how do I help my district with the weather service issues that we constantly have there? And he was always available to help me, whether that meant meeting with constituents there or whether it was joining with me to lobby on the floor to win the victories that we needed to win.

GLEN, to you and your wife Becky, and daughter, I will lose you as family members, as well. I have enjoyed your presence and your moral support here in Congress. You, as well as TOM BEVILL, represent the kind of personality and professionalism that I want to be a part of while I am here. We will miss you, but we will look forward to seeing you and working with you in different ways. TOM BEVILL, GLEN BROWDER, we will miss you. Alabama thanks you, as we should.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I now yield time to the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. ROGERS].

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for taking out this special order to honor two of the very distinguished Members of this body who happen to be from the great State of Alabama.

GLEN BROWDER, whom we have known since he came here, one of the great and distinguished Members of this body who has served our country so very, very well in his tenure. And GLEN, we wish for you the best in your future endeavors, and we are going to miss your service around here. We hope we do not miss your company. We hope you will come back and be with us all the time that you can.

Of course, the other Member who is being honored here today, TOM BEVILL, whom I have had the pleasure of serving with not only in this body but in the committee and on his subcommittee of recent years, I do not know how I can summarize this man's life in Congress in 2 or 3 minutes. In fact, I do not think I can. But I am reminded of something that was written some years ago that I think applies to TOM BEVILL as well as anything that I could say, and I am just going to quote it.

The writing was, ''Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find it out.''

And, Mr. Speaker, there are thousands of people in my district and in every district in this country who

would not know TOM BEVILL's name and yet who have benefited magnificently from his work here in this body. He has been so many things to so many people, touching the lives of millions of people who would not know his name if they heard it and likely never will.

And that is the nature of the labors of TOM BEVILL. To his colleagues, he is both the quiet, genteel, gentle man who served as chairman of a very powerful subcommittee of this body, and he is a very caring southern gentleman in the corridors of this Capitol.

To his constituents back home, he was and is a man and leader who rose to one of the most powerful positions in the Federal Government and yet never forgot where he came from, where he lives, who he is, who sent him here, and what he could do for his district and his Nation.

And as has been said, the evidence of his devotion to his people back home is evident in every corner of his district in Alabama. And not just in his home district, as TERRY has said, but throughout the State of Alabama and certainly throughout the Nation.

His support for higher education is symbolized by the tremendous assistance he has been to the University of Alabama. His appreciation for his State's lands and rivers. I mentioned the Little River Canyon National Preserve as one star in his crown. And, of course, as has been mentioned, the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. I will not forget going down to the dedication of that great economic boost to the entirety of the Southeast United States, and being so proud to stand there as TOM BEVILL was lauded by the people of his home region and the rest of this country for that signal improvement to the Southeast.

And of course I have been a very close friend with TOM over the years on so many fronts, but one comes to mind immediately, and that is his tremendous work on behalf of the Appalachian Regional Commission, a region that we share, and the ARC would not exist today had it not been for the work of TOM BEVILL. It would have been done away with years ago; certainly the funding would have been sliced to a negligible amount.

The same can be said of the Tennessee Valley Authority, which has meant so much to the economic growth of the entire South. And since TOM BEVILL has been here, the TVA has had no bigger and better or more effective supporter and promoter than TOM BEVILL.

We could talk about the silent work that he has done for which there is no notoriety or credit, even dating back to his very first days in the Congress, on this committee responsible, among other things, for the Nation's nuclear capability. It is this subcommittee that TOM BEVILL chaired for so many years that funded the Nation's nuclear weaponry, and of course that had to be done in supersecrecy.

And I know personally of the long hours that TOM BEVILL has sat and worked with the most powerful weaponry known to mankind, being sure that this Nation was prepared in the eventuality of that awful event of Armageddon. And through most of the cold war era it was TOM BEVILL who sat in the hall and decided how much money would be spent and for what in the Nation's preparation for our nuclear protection. That is a thankless job that TOM BEVILL did with great effectiveness and pride.

But my personal point of view, my district's point of view, there are literally thousands of people today in my district who are now protected from the ravages of nature, flooding, that TOM BEVILL saw to. And I suspect a great many Members of this body can say exactly the same thing, but I can say it with feeling, as can they, that TOM, our people thank you for your dedication to their well-being; people who never saw, people probably that would not recognize your name, except when I tell them who did it, that are now protected from these almost annual ravages of having their homes washed away, their family Bibles destroyed, their family pictures washed away. Everything they have would be gone. Today they can say they are safe because of your service to your country and to them in this great body. The infrastructure of our country has done well because of your tenure.

I am reminded of two stonecutters who were asked the same question, and I say this because TOM BEVILL kept in mind why he was here all the while. He did not waiver. He did not wander, he was always there. Two stonecutters were asked the same question: What are you doing? The first one said, ''I am cutting this block into two pieces.'' The second one, though, said, ''I am on a team and we are building a cathedral.''

TOM has been on the team, and he has been building not a cathedral but a much, much better America, and for that we are eternally thankful to him.

I have to say this in closing, too. His wife, Lou, was one of my and my late wife Shirley's best friends. These two people, as his close friends and even distant friends know, are two of the best people that God ever created. Lou, an accomplished musician among other things in her life, is a true American and a great American, and someone that we are going to miss almost as much as TOM, if not more so. But we are going to miss the service of a gentle man. He was gentle, and yet when it came to the things that he believed in, a better America, he was tenacious and he persevered and at times was even ferocious in his defense of these things so important to him, his district, and our people across the country.

I know that TOM and Lou are going to enjoy the next phase of their life. We hope for the very, very best. We hope that they will at least come back and honor us with their presence, because we are going to sorely miss their personal friendship in their absence from us for what time they are absent.

So, TOM, in your next phase of your life, we wish you Godspeed.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Kentucky. And I now recognize the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. BACHUS].

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. CALLAHAN.

Mr. CRAMER mentioned the Alabama delegation and what a special group I think we are. I think he said it better than I would have said it when he said that party labels come second. We put the interest of the State first.

We have not had the partisan wrangling that we have sort of seen in this Congress in our delegation. We really like each other, we work well together, we cooperate together. It is the sort of bipartisanship that this country needs, and you see it in the Alabama delegation. And I think that the two gentleman we are here to give tribute to today are two of the big reasons for that.

GLEN BROWDER and TOM BEVILL, you all were here before I came. You worked well together. You worked well with SONNY CALLAHAN and Bill Dickenson, and you sort of established that tradition in the Alabama delegation, something that I benefited from, something that the State of Alabama has benefited from, our delegation, working together for the good of the State and for the Nation. And, first of all, I think that is a legacy that you all will leave with those who stay behind, that we will continue as an Alabama delegation to put aside petty politics and party labels for the best interests of our State.

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So I compliment you first for that.

Second, I compliment you for the fact that you have been a good example to me, both of you. When I came here, I came into a Congress where I was a Member of a minority party. And probably the first month I was here, the first legislation that I decided to sponsor, a little piece of legislation, saved a little bit of money in the total picture, but I went to TOM BEVILL. I am not sure at that time I appreciated that he was a powerful cardinal on appropriations. I probably did not even know that I was not supposed to be approaching him at the time, but I approached him and I asked him to cosponsor my bill with me.

He could have said, I am not going to cosponsor a bill with you. You are a little Republican freshman and I am not going to give you the benefit of my reputation. It is too small a bill. It is just too inconsequential. I am working on important issues that affect this country every day. I do not want to give a young Republican Congressman anything that might give him an advantage.

But, no, Mr. Speaker, he put all of that aside. He saw that it was good legislation, and he cosponsored it with

me. I was able to get Members on both sides of the aisle to join with me in that legislation because TOM BEVILL's name was on that legislation.

I will never forget that, TOM. Mr. ROGERS from Kentucky, his district and your district are very much alike. One is in Kentucky; one is in Alabama. But they are Appalachia. They are hard-working people. They are God-fearing people. And he much better than I could describe, he served with you here longer. He has known you and Lou, he and his late wife Shirley. You all were good friends. He knows you man to man. He can much better talk about your legacy than I can. I enjoyed listening to that. I can simply say that I second everything that he said in that regard. He certainly gave a wonderful tribute to you.

I would only add to that by saying that I have been so impressed with your wife, Lou Bevill. She sort of, I guess if you pick out someone that you want your wife to sort of use as a role model, because she is here, she is up here and she, as my wife is, they are both here with us during the week. I am so impressed with her, her and Mike Heflin. It is hard to talk about GLEN BROWDER and TOM BEVILL without thinking about Senator HEFLIN because that is sort of a dynamic trio that we are going to be without. I am going to miss you; I am going to miss Lou. I am going to miss Senator HEFLIN, and I am going to miss Mike. It is hard to think of you without thinking of Lou. It is hard to think about Senator HEFLIN without thinking about Mike. I wanted to tell you how much I appreciated her and her example.

Mr. EVERETT mentioned the joke about every building in north Alabama having a Bevill center. I told you about a year ago at a reception that we had, I was actually trying to describe a town in your district to someone. And I described it as having a railroad that ran through it and about two traffic lights. It was on Highway 78. That really did not give them much of an indication.

I remembered that there was a building in the town that said the Bevill Building. I said, it has a building named after TOM BEVILL. And actually this person's remark back to me was, You have not eliminated one town on Highway 78 by saying it had a Bevill Building in it.

So you have left behind in your district a better place and something that you can be proud of.

They mentioned the University of Alabama. You have been committed also to our community colleges in Alabama. Even as a member of the State legislature, GLEN and I preceded you several years later, but you were one of the first in Alabama to recognize that not everybody could go to the University of Alabama; not everybody could go 120 miles to Auburn University. So some people had to go in their communities. If they had to travel over 20 or 30 or 40 miles, they simply would not get an education. And you were one of the people in Alabama who led the fight for community colleges. Thousands and literally millions of Alabamians owe that part of their education to your insight and your wisdom and your participation in that.

GLEN BROWDER, I will tell you a tribute, once a man asked me if I would recommend him for a job. I said that I would recommend him because he had coached my little boy in Little League and he had done a good job. You learn something about somebody when they coach your son in Little League baseball. You get a real insight into them. And I remember that when I came up here and GLEN BROWDER and I were going to serve together, I knew GLEN, as we had been in the State legislature together. You had been a constitutional officer in the State. I had been. But I knew you as capable. I knew you as articulate. I knew you as a good man. But Randy Dempsey, one of my law partners, he had been in your class. You taught him at Jacksonville State. And you had evidently been a mentor to him and you had encouraged him.

He shared with me what a fine teacher you were and how you really cared about your students and how your students really enjoyed your classes. You did a good job and you really cared about the students. GLEN, that has always impressed me, that someone who was there in your classroom had such a wonderful opinion of you.

Becky, your wife, people like Becky, people are impressed with Becky. There, again, both of you, you all have several similarities. One is that you are committed to your family. You are committed to your marriages. I commend you. You are a good example in that regard.

GLEN, you are going to leave a legacy to our gulf war veterans. That is something that I came about 25 minutes ago and I had not heard anybody mention. But I am not sure if you are not the first person to go over to the Pentagon and say, we have got people that have returned from the gulf war. They are sick.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I hate to interrupt the gentleman from Birmingham, but we only have 4 minutes left and we have two more distinguished speakers.

Mr. BACHUS. I will simply say this, GLEN. That is a devastating illness. You have been at the forefront of that and you are to be commended on that. And all our gulf veterans and all of us who support the military owe you a debt of gratitude for that.

Mr. CALLAHAN. I certainly hate to interrupt the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota, Mr. VENTO.

Mr. VENTO. I thank the gentleman, Mr. CALLAHAN, for this special order and wanted to commend my friends and colleagues, Congressmen TOM BEVILL and GLEN BROWDER. I think that what we see epitomized in these two good national policymakers is the magic of what happens in Congress.

People are elected with many different talents and they assume responsibility here, and although they are not specialists in national security or specialists in the role, they grow into that role and do yeoman's service. That certainly is the case with our friend GLEN BROWDER, and TOM BEVILL has grown really to be a giant in the work he has done in trying to hold together programs like the Corps of Engineers.

Over 30 years we have seen that evolve from a far different role than what it has played before. It really shows up when you work with him on a different project, as we did with a park unit in his district. It was one of the easier jobs I have had chairing the committee because I did not have to ask anyone to help. TOM did all the work, and he had helped so many Members of Congress and had had such an impact that it was obviously with acclaim that that was enacted. TOM, it was a tough job for you but we commend you and Lou and GLEN and Becky, and we wish you well. I know in the case of GLEN it is just an interruption in terms of his public service. We look to see him back in action quite soon. Best wishes to you all. Thank you for your services for the country.

Mr. Speaker, let me congratulate TOM BEVILL and thank his colleague from Alabama for sponsoring this special order in TOM BEVILL's and GLEN BROWDER's honor. These are really two good Members who will be missed and reflect very positively upon the Congress, their good State of Alabama, and the Nation.

GLEN BROWDER a teacher, farmer, Alabama State legislator, and State official served in Congress for 8 years, and has made an impressive contribution in national security and congressional reform issues. GLEN sought election to the other body, and for the moment is sidelined from public service but I've every expectation that our friend GLEN BROWDER will be back in public service in the near future. My best to GLEN, Becky, and their family as they make a transition within public service.

TOM BEVILL for over 30 years has labored and contributed in his role of representing the people of Alabama in the U.S. House. His work on the Appropriations Committee has been very important, in the last years he has reformed and guided this program of projects based on merit not just legislative clout.

TOM has been my neighbor in the Rayburn Office Building these past 10 years. We've spent many days walking back and forth to the floor to vote, he has been a good counselor and friend. I was pleased to work with TOM on the Little River Canyon National Park Unit in the authorizing process as I led the Parks and Public Lands Subcommittee, one of the easier tasks I had because TOM really did the heavy lifting. He had more friends, both Democrats and Republicans, that were interested in helping which is a real tribute for TOM BEVILL. Naturally this became the first national park unit in Alabama, a legacy that will hopefully be in Alabama forever a testament to Congressman BEVILL.

My colleague, my friend, you have well earned your place in our affection and best wishes to you TOM, Lou and the family in the years ahead as you enjoy your free time from the duties of service in the Congress.

Mr. CALLAHAN. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER].

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, Cardinal CALLAHAN, for yielding.

Mr. CALLAHAN. You may approach.

Mr. HOYER. I have just a few minutes. Two decent Americans are leaving the service of the people's House at the end of this year. This House will be a lesser body for their departure. Alabama will have suffered a significant loss.

Each of us individually in this House will have lost good friends. GLEN BROWDER is a relative newcomer relative to Mr. BEVILL but then again, most of us are relative newcomers relative to Mr. BEVILL. GLEN BROWDER, as SPENCE BACHUS indicated, is someone who cares about people, who is a capable, able, regular guy that you would be proud to have as your dad or your brother or your uncle or as your Congressman. I have been honored to serve with him.

TOM BEVILL is a giant. TOM BEVILL helped America invest in its future. One of the first votes I cast was on the Tennessee-Tombigbee when I came here to Congress. It was a controversial vote. It was the right vote. TOM BEVILL stood and said if America is to grow, if we are to create jobs, if we are to have economic viability and be competitive in world markets, we need to invest in America.

TOM BEVILL is my friend and he is an historic figure in this body. Few Members who have ever served in this House will be able to look back on their record of making America better. That is TOM BEVILL's. God bless you, TOM.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama, Mr. HILLIARD.

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I am very appreciative for the time to both of my friends, TOM BEVILL as well as GLEN BROWDER. I am very happy to have had the pleasure to serve with both of them. I have known GLEN BROWDER for about 20 years. We served together in the Alabama State Legislature, and it was indeed a pleasure to have had the opportunity to serve with him there as well as here.

But to my good friend TOM BEVILL, he has been a true Alabamian, he has been a true American. He has been true to the cause. He has been fantastic in what he has done for this country. I congratulate him for his length of service, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity of being here with you.

I will surely miss both TOM BEVILL and GLEN BROWDER. We have been lucky, and yes, blessed, to have had two such strong Congressmen as these men, they are able and true. First, I must mention my good friend, TOM BEVILL of Alabama's Fourth District. Mr. BEVILL, as chairman of the Appropriations' Energy and Water Development Subcommittee created the Tenn-Tomm Waterway which flows through the length of my district. Just last week, TOM helped me in my efforts to stop the flooding along Birmingham's Village Creek, an area which is not even close to Mr. BEVILL's district, but that is the kind of man he is, kind and caring, a real gentleman.

Also, Mr. Speaker, allow me to say how much I will also miss Alabama's GLEN BROWDER, of the Third District. GLEN, a former political science professor, as well as a member of the Alabama Legislature, brought a professionalism to the House and to the Armed Services Committee which is hard to beat.

We will miss both of you, Congressman BEVILL and Mr. BROWDER.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, in closing, let me thank the Speaker for his patience. I recognize our time has expired. The gentleman from Louisiana, I think, is next going to be recognized and he has indicated since so many Members want to pay homage to TOM that he may yield some time to them. But this is not a eulogy. This is just an appreciation ceremony to two great Americans.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague, the distinguished gentleman from Alabama, SONNY CALLAHAN, for reserving this special order. We gather today to pay tribute to retiring members of the Alabama congressional delegation. I am honored to join my colleagues in saluting Congressman GLEN BROWDER, who represents the Third Congressional District of Alabama.

GLEN BOWDER was elected to the U.S. Congress in a special election in 1989. Prior to his election, GLEN served in the Alabama State House of Representatives from 1982 to 1986. In 1986, GLEN BROWDER won election as Alabama's Secretary of State, and served with distinction in that capacity. Thus, he came to this legislative body armed with strong political skills and a commitment to public service. During his 7-year tenure in the Congress, the Nation has benefited as a result of his leadership on important issues.

Mr. Speaker, GLEN BROWDER has served with distinction on the National Security Committee where he is a member of the Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, and Military Readiness. In addition, he is the ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Morale, Welfare and Recreation. GLEN has also served with distinction as a member of the House Budget Committee.

During his career in the House, we recall GLEN BROWDER's efforts to serve his constituents by keeping Fort McClellan Army Base operational. He has pushed the Defense Department to be more forthcoming on the use of chemical weapons during the Persian Gulf war. GLEN BROWDER has also gained respect for spearheading efforts to reform our Nation's campaign finance regulations. His hard work has earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and others across the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, as he departs this legislative Chamber, we pause to pay tribute to GLEN BROWDER. He is a skilled legislator whose voice will be missed in the Halls of Congress. We also extend our good wishes to his wife, Becky, and members of the Browder family. GLEN is a good friend who will always be remembered.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in acknowledging one of the finest Members of the House of Representatives, TOM BEVILL.

As a Member of this House since 1966, TOM has been a respected and intellectual leader. His work as chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Appropriations has produced the Nation's major energy research programs and America's water resource projects. TOM has also been a true advocate for senior citizens by working hard in defense of Social Security.

I want to specifically mention that TOM always found time amidst his extremely busy schedule to consider the concerns of other Members. I remember a time when TOM came to my home State of New Mexico to study the irrigation needs of the Hispanic communities in my district. Because of TOM's assistance and support, many of New Mexico's centuries old irrigation ditches, so-called acequias, have received critical congressional funding for needed repair and restoration. Not only did TOM devote his energy and skill to his constituents, but he also found time to care about mine.

TOM added dignity to this House by working in the spirit of bipartisanship, and he will definitely be missed. Good luck, TOM and thank you for all you have done for this great institution.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I feel particularly privileged to be able to say farewell to Representatives TOM BEVILL and GLEN BROWDER of Alabama as friends as well as beloved colleagues in the House. I have learned much from them, and I appreciate their having allowed me to grow as a Member by drawing from the wealth of their experience and their knowledge.

TOM BEVILL was elected a full 10 years ahead of my election to the House, in 1966, and he has been reelected by overwhelming margins ever since by the folks he represents in Alabama's Fourth Congressional District.

As chairman of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, TOM has stood with me many, many times on behalf of the people I serve in southern West Virginia as we worked together to facilitate development of West Virginia's waterways and energy development projects. My constituents have benefited greatly through TOM's willingness to listen and to understand and to respond to the needs of my congressional district with respect to water resources development and Corps of Engineers projects throughout southern West Virginia.

TOM BEVILL's mastery of the appropriations process is legendary. The people of the Fourth Congressional District of Alabama are indeed fortunate to have had such a champion fighting for their needs all these years, and he will be long remembered by all of us who remain behind here in this body as the man who helped each of us better serve our own constituents. He is a man who believed that every dollar he ever appropriated was spent on a worthy cause—to help someone down on his luck, to help a community grow, to help a university educate its young people, to ensure that a small child had enough to eat. And he believed that money for these purposes needed to be spent in Alabama, and in West Virginia, and in every State in the Union.

TOM BEVILL has served with distinction, pride, integrity and style. He will be sorely missed in the years to come by this House of Representatives.

GLEN BROWDER, elected in 1989, has served with distinction on the National Security Committee, formerly the Armed Services Committee, where he has labored to fulfill a responsibility to assure that our Nation's military readiness is second to none in the world.

While many of us in the House never served on committees with jurisdiction over out national security, I knew, and my colleagues knew, that we could rely upon GLEN's knowledge and expertise in the area of national defense in keeping us strong as a nation and ready to defend our country, its people, and our allies abroad. We knew that GLEN's thoroughness and his vast knowledge about our armed services and military readiness, would lead to a reasonable and responsible use of our vast military resources where they would do the most good.

GLEN also served his constituents in the Third Congressional District of Alabama, not only by making wise decisions of our Nation's security, but by taking great care to see to the domestic needs of the people in Alabama's Third Congressional District. He combined his natural leadership skills with his innate sensitivity to their socioeconomic circumstances in order to improve the lives of his people.

Above all, both TOM and GLEN deeply believed in good Government throughout their tenures in the House, and their years of service and commitment to good government is visible across this great country. I commend them for their diligent service to Alabama and to the United States.

I wish them both Godspeed.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague, the distinguished gentleman from Alabama, SONNY CALLAHAN, for reserving this special order. We gather today to pay tribute to retiring members of the Alabama congressional delegation. I am honored to join my colleagues in paying special tribute to TOM BEVILL, who will depart the U.S. Congress at the end of this legislative session.

TOM BEVILL was first elected to the U.S. Congress on November 8, 1966. His retirement brings to a close a 30-year career in public service. I share the sentiments of many others who state that TOM is one of the most respected and effective Members to have served in this legislative body.

Mr. Speaker, TOM BEVILL is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee and the former chairman of its Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development. He is also a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior. Through these assignments, TOM BEVILL has been instrumental in funding the Nation's major energy research programs and our Nation's water resource development projects.

The Fourth Congressional District of Alabama has benefited as a result of TOM BEVILL's commitment and hard work. I recall working closely with TOM BEVILL on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project. It was an important initiative that could not have gone forward without his strong leadership. During his tenure in Congress, TOM has also demonstrated a steadfast commitment to education. A leading defender of Social Security and Medicare, as well as a a strong advocate for health care, TOM has earned the support of our Nation's seniors.

Mr. Speaker, I have been privileged to serve in the Congress with TOM BEVILL. He is a skilled lawmaker and a dedicated public servant. He is also a gentleman and a close personal friend. Throughout our Appropriations Committee and floor deliberations, he as been the voice of reason and compassion. Members on both sides of the aisle will agree that over the years, TOM BEVILL has taught us valuable lessons about working together and public service. I am proud to share a very special relationship with TOM BEVILL. He is someone whom I greatly admire and respect.

Mr. Speaker, as he departs this legislative Chamber, I join my colleagues in saluting TOM BEVILL for a job well done. I also extend my best wishes to his charming wife, Lou, and members of the Bevill family. TOM BEVILL will be missed in the Halls of Congress. We take pride in knowing, however, that he leaves behind a record of legislative achievement and service that will stand in the years to come.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. QUINN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. JACKSON] is recognized for 60 minutes.

CONTINUED TRIBUTE TO TOM BEVILL AND GLEN BROWDER

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, with that I yield to the distinguished ranking member, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. STOKES].

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Illinois for yielding to me. I will just take a couple of moments of his time. I am sorry that I did not arrive earlier to be able to speak on Mr. CALLAHAN's special order on behalf of TOM BEVILL and GLEN BROWDER. Mr. OBEY and I have been in a House-Senate conference on the VA-HUD bill, and we just got a chance to get here to the floor.

I will just take a moment, but I do want to say that with reference to TOM BEVILL, with whom I have served almost all the time that I have been in the Congress, that I have established a lot of friendships in this Congress but no greater friendship have I had than that I have had with TOM BEVILL. I do not know of any Member of Congress who is respected any more highly than he is, nor do I know of anyone who has made a greater contribution to this Nation than he has.

We have worked on a lot of projects together over the years and it has been a real privilege and honor to serve with him, to get to know not only him but members of his family, his lovely wife and members of his family. I want to say we are going to miss TOM here.

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His level of leadership has been something that we can all point to as a model and with great admiration.

In the same vein, I want to take just a second to say what a pleasure and privilege it has been to serve with GLEN BROWDER. He too, following in the footsteps of TOM BEVILL and other leaders from Alabama, has been a real model here. He has had a long and distinguished record legislatively and is someone whom all of us not only admire, but we will miss greatly when he leaves this body.

And just lastly, TOM, I might say that I am sure that our good friend, Bob Jones, is watching this special order this afternoon and I am sure there is a smile on his face with the knowledge that you and I shared a special friendship over the years.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. I thank you, Mr. STOKES.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations, Mr. OBEY.

Mr. OBEY. I thank the gentleman. I do not want to impose on his time. I would simply ask unanimous consent that the remarks I made about our good friend, TOM BEVILL, when we considered the energy and water appropriations bill be incorporated in my remarks at this point in the RECORD and to simply say again, TOM, how much I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve with you and how grateful we are for the service you have given the country.

And I want to say to GLEN that you have, I think, performed tremendous service in this institution with good humor and with grace, with understanding of other people's points of view and with deep commitment to the things that you believe in. That is what makes this country strong, and that is what makes this institution what it is supposed to be, and I thank you both for your service here.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I certainly want to take this opportunity to thank TOM BEVILL and GLEN BROWDER, as well, for their years of service to this institution, and while I have not had the privilege of knowing and working with them at the level that I wish I could have, their reputations in this institution as genuine public servants certainly precedes them and I am just honored to have the privilege to be from the State of Illinois, to follow in their tradition of public service. The roles that they have represented in this institution are not without great distinction and without the kind of merit that truly needs to be bestowed upon public servants in this institution.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of family illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. VOLKMER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. VOLKMER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HASTERT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes on September 25.

Mr. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BUYER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SCARBOROUGH, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. TALENT, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HANSEN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KASICH, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes on September 24.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. VOLKMER) and to include extraneous material:
Ms. PELOSI.
Mr. LANTOS.
Mr. LEVIN.
Mr. MILLER of California.
Ms. DELAURO.
Mr. MOAKLEY.
Mr. MENENDEZ.
Mr. KLECZKA.
Mr. REED.
Mr. TORRICELLI.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HASTERT) and to include extraneous material:)
Mr. ROTH.
Mr. BURTON of Indiana.
Mr. SKEEN.
Mr. QUINN.
Mr. WOLF.
Mr. BROWNBACK.
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey in two instances.
Mr. FIELDS of Texas.
Mr. FORBES in two instances.
Mr. SENSENBRENNER in two instances.
Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio) and to include extraneous material:)
Mr. SHAW.
Mr. LEVIN.
Mr. BECERRA.
Mr. BARCIA in two instances.
Mr. MANTON.
Mr. GOODLING in two instances.
Ms. HARMAN.
Mr. STUMP.
Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.
Mr. WELDON of Florida.
Mr. RAMSTAD.
Mr. TORRES in two instances.
Mr. STUPAK.
Mr. PICKETT.
Mr. FAZIO of California.
Mr. PAYNE of Virginia.
Mr. HOKE.
Mr. MCINTOSH.
Mr. SMITH of Michigan.
Ms. BROWN of Florida.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 982. An act to protect the national information infrastructure, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2679. An act to revise the boundry of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, to expand the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3060. An act to implement the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty;

H.R. 3396. An act to define and protect the institution of marriage;

H.R. 3553. An act to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission; and

H.R. 3816. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 533. To clarify the rules governing removal of cases to Federal court, and for other purposes; and

S. 677. To repeal a redundant venue provision, and for other purposes.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

On September 19, 1996:

H.R. 2428. An act to encourage the donation of food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations for distribution to needy individuals by giving the Model Good Samaritan Food Donation Act the full force and effect of law.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, September 20, 1996, at 9 a.m.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO PROCEDURAL RULES

U.S. CONGRESS,
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE
Washington, DC, September 18, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 303 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. section 1383(b), I am transmitting a Notice of Adoption of Amendments to the Procedural Rules, together with a copy of the adopted amendments to the procedural rules. The Congressional Accountability act specifies that the Notice and the amendments to the rules be published in the Congressional Record on the first day on which both Houses of Congress are in session following this transmittal.

Sincerely,

RICKY SILBERMAN,
Executive Director.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE—THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995: AMENDMENTS TO PROCEDURAL RULES

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO PROCEDURAL RULES

Summary: After considering comments to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published July 11, 1996 in the Congressional Record, the Executive Director has adopted and is publishing amendments to the rules governing the procedures for the Office of Compliance under the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-1, 109 Stat. 3). The amendments to the procedural rules have been approved by the Board of Directors, Office of Compliance.

For Further Information Contact: Executive Director, Office of Compliance, Room LA 200, 110 Second Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540–1999. Telephone No. 202–724–9250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (''CAA'' or ''Act'') was enacted into law on January 23, 1995. In general, the CAA applies the rights and protections of eleven federal labor and employment law statutes to covered employees and employing offices within the legislative branch. Section 303 of the CAA directs that the Executive Director of the Office of Compliance (''Office'') shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors (''Board'') of the Office, adopt rules governing the procedures for the Office, and may amend those rules in the same manner. The procedural rules currently in effect, approved by the Board and adopted by the Executive Director, were published December 22, 1995 in the Congressional Record (141 Cong. R. S 19239 (daily ed., Dec. 22, 1995)). The revisions and additions that follow amend certain of the existing procedures by which the Office provides for the consideration and resolution of alleged violations of the laws made applicable under Part A of title II of the CAA, and establish procedures for consideration of matters arising under Part D of title II of the CAA, which is generally effective October 1, 1996.

Pursuant to section 303(b) of the CAA, the Executive Director published for comment a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Congressional Record on July 11, 1996 (142 Cong. R. S7685-88, H7450-54 (daily ed., July 11, 1996))

inviting comments regarding the proposed amendments to the procedural rules. Three comments were received in response to the NPR: two from Congressional offices and one from a labor organization. After full consideration of the comments received, the Executive Director has, with the approval of the Board, adopted these amendments to the procedural rules.

II. Consideration of Comments and Conclusions

A. Definition of participant

One commenter suggested deleting the terms ''labor organization'' and ''employing office'' from the definition of ''participant'' found at section 1.07(c) of the proposed rules. The commenter noted that a ''party'' is included in the definition of participant and the term ''party'' is defined in section 1.02(i) of the rules as including a labor organization or employing office.

The final rule, as adopted and approved, incorporates the modification suggested by the commenter.

B. Contents or records of confidential proceedings

One commenter asked that section 1.07(d) of the rules be revised to reflect the commenter s understanding that ''an employing office may acknowledge the existence of a complaint and the general allegations being made by an employee, and the employing office may deny the allegations.'' This commenter further requested that the phrase ''information forming the basis for the allegation,'' found in the same section of the rules, be defined. According to the commenter, the phrase is ambiguous. The commenter did not, however, identify the asserted ambiguity.

The statute requires that the filing of a complaint and its subject matter be kept confidential. Thus, it is not permissible under the statute, as enacted—much less the procedural rules implementing the statute—for an employing office to disclose the information described. Moreover, no ambiguity has been identified or is apparent which would warrant modifying the proposed rule. Accordingly, the rule has been adopted and approved without modification.

C. Requests for extension of the mediation period

Two commenters correctly point out that, although it was noted in the preamble of the NPR that section 2.04(e)(2) is proposed to be modified to allow oral as well as written requests for the extension of the mediation period, the actual text of the proposed revision was inadvertently omitted. Although neither commenter stated an objection to the substance of the proposed revision, one commenter requested that the text of the proposed amendment be published and the comment period be extended prior to its adoption.

The proposed amendment, and its intent, were clearly explained in the NPR so as to give sufficient notice of the proposed modification. And as the adoption of the amended rule will not work a disservice to any party to a mediation, but rather will enable all parties to more fully utilize the mediation process, the proposed modification to the rule has been adopted and approved.

D. Answer to complaint

All three commenters expressed concern that proposed section 5.01(f) could be interpreted to foreclose a respondent from raising certain affirmative defenses or interposing certain denials. One commenter further urged the adoption of a specific rule that would allow the filing of a motion to dismiss or a motion for a more definitive statement in lieu of an answer.

With respect to the request that the Executive Director adopt a rule allowing for the filing of the specific motions suggested, it is noted that, although not specifically provided for, such matters are already permitted under the existing procedural rules. Thus, no modification is necessary.

As to the commenters' other concerns, the language of section 5.01(f), as adopted and approved, has been clarified to provide that only affirmative defenses that could have reasonably been anticipated based on the facts alleged in the complaint shall be deemed waived if not raised in an answer. In addition, the rule has been modified to describe the circumstances under which motions for leave to amend an answer to raise defenses or interpose denials will be granted.

E. Withdrawal of complaints

One commenter argued that the requirement contained in section 5.03 that the withdrawal of a complaint be approved by a Hearing Officer should be deleted because, according to the commenter, under the CAA a complaint may be withdrawn at any time. In the commenter's view, a rule requiring Hearing Officer approval of such a withdrawal is ''an inappropriate exercise of the Executive Director's authority.'' This commenter further took issue with the distinction made in the rule between approval of the withdrawal of a complaint by a covered employee, which must always be approved by a Hearing Officer, and the withdrawal of a complaint by the General Counsel, which may occur without Hearing Officer approval prior to the opening of a hearing.

Contrary to the commenter's assertion, it is entirely appropriate and, indeed, the norm in our legal system to require approval of the withdrawal of an action after formal proceedings have been initiated. *See, e.g.,* Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41. Moreover, the different restrictions placed on covered employees and the General Counsel are also appropriate. Under section 220 of the CAA, and the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to section 220(d) to implement section 220, the General Counsel's prosecutorial discretion has been properly acknowledged by permitting the General Counsel to withdraw a complaint without Hearing Officer approval prior to the opening of the hearing. Accordingly, the final rule, as adopted and approved, has not been modified.

F. Objections not made are deemed waived

Two commenters expressed the concern that proposed section 7.01(e) could operate to work a disservice to unrepresented parties or to preclude Board consideration of appropriate matters on appeal.

The rule, as adopted and approved, has been modified. Further, it is noted that a Hearing Officer is always free to consider issues about which objections were not made.

G. Reconsideration

One commenter asked that proposed section 8.02 be clarified to advise parties concerning how the filing of a motion for reconsideration of a Board decision affects the requirements for filing an appeal of that decision.

The final rule makes clear that the filing of a motion for reconsideration does not relieve a party of the obligation to file a timely appeal.

H. Judicial review

One commenter asserted that section 8.04 should be deleted either as superfluous because it merely reiterates parts of section 407 of the CAA or as confusing because it does not incorporate all of section 407.

Section 8.04 incorporates the provisions of section 407 that are applicable to the provisions of the CAA that are currently in effect. As section 8.04 is neither superfluous nor confusing, the proposed rule has been adopted and approved unmodified.

I. Signing of Pleadings, motions and other filings; violation of rules; sanctions

One commenter recommended that ''the Board further elaborate'' on proposed section 9.02 and that there be an extension of time to comment ''after the Board provides further explanation.'' In the event the commenter's recommendation was not accepted, the commenter proposed adding the requirement that a pleading must be warranted by a ''non-frivolous'' argument. Another commenter objected to the possible sanction of attorney s fees, arguing that it could have a chilling effect on individual complainants.

Section 9.02 of the rules is virtually identical to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Rule 11 has a rich history and tradition and is an essential procedural part of any sound dispute resolution scheme. Therefore, further explanation or modification is unnecessary and, the rule, as adopted and approved, is the same as that proposed.

J. Ex parte communications

Two commenters asked for a definition of the term ''interested person'' as used in proposed section 9.04. One of these commenters argued that, as drafted, the proposed rule appeared to be so broad as to restrict access to the Office of Compliance personnel, including the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Directors. The same two commenters also urged the deletion of proposed section 9.04(e)(2), which provides that censure or the suspension or revocation of the privilege of practice before the Office is a possible sanction for engaging in prohibited communications. Both commenters considered such sanctions to be too harsh and questioned the authority of the Board to impose such sanctions. The third commenter urged that section 9.04(c)(3)(iii) be modified to disallow communications on matters of general significance because, according to the commenter, such communications could have an impact on specific pending matters. This commenter also expressed concern about the imposition of sanctions on unrepresented complainants who might inadvertently violate the prohibitions on ex parte communications.

In response to the commenters' concerns, the Executive Director is modifying section 9.04(a)(1) to define ''interested person'' for the purposes of the rule. But, contrary to one commenter's understanding, the rule only prohibits interested persons from engaging in prohibited communications with Hearing Officers and Board members; nothing in the proposed or adopted rule prohibits contact with Office of Compliance personnel, including the Office's statutory appointees. Indeed, interaction between Office personnel and employing offices, covered employees, labor organizations and their agents, as well as other interested individuals or organizations, is encouraged.

With respect to proposed section 9.04(e)(2), the sanctions of censure or suspension or revocation of the privilege of practice before the Board, although substantial, may properly be imposed in certain circumstances. However, as they are available to the Board under section 9.04(e)(1), proposed section 9.04(e)(2) has been omitted from the final rule. In addition, to further address concerns, language has been added to section 9.04(e)(1) to confirm that sanctions shall be commensurate with the nature of the offense.

K. Informal resolutions and settlement agreements

One commenter offered specific suggested revisions to proposed section 9.05(a). The commenter believed that these revisions are necessary to make it clear that section 9.05 applies only after a covered employee has initiated counseling.

The proposed rule, by its terms, applies only in instances where a covered employee has filed a formal request for counseling. Moreover, in the NPR, it was specifically noted that the rule is being amended to make it clear that section 9.05 of the rules applies only where covered employees have initiated proceedings under the CAA. Accordingly, the proposed rule has been adopted and approved without modification.

L. Additional comments

Two of the commenters also offered several comments and suggestions on existing procedural rules and other matters that were not the subject of or germane to the proposals in the NPR. For example, the commenters suggested: (1) changes in the special procedures for the Architect of the Capitol and Capitol Police; (2) a rule allowing parties to negotiate changes to the Agreement to Mediate; (3) a procedure by which the parties, instead of the Executive Director, would select Hearing Officers; (4) procedures by which the Office would notify employing offices of various matters; (5) additional requirements for the filing of a complaint; (6) changes in counseling procedures; and (7) a procedure which would allow parties to petition for the recusal of individual Board members.

As there was no notice given to the public or interested persons that such amendments to the procedural rules were being considered, it would be inappropriate to amend the rules in the manner requested by the commenters. However, the Office will consider the comments as part of its ongoing review of its operations and, to the extent appropriate, may issue another notice of proposed rulemaking at an appropriate time to address some or all of these comments.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on this 18th day of September, 1996.

R. GAULL SILBERMAN,
Executive Director,
Office of Compliance.

Adopted Amendment to the Procedural Rules

A. Comparison table

The rules have been reorganized and re-ordered; as a result, some sections have been moved and/or renumbered. Cross-references in appropriate sections of the procedural rules have been modified accordingly. The organizational changes are listed in the following comparison table.

Former Section No.	*New Section No.*
§2.06 Complaints	§5.01
§2.07 Appointment of the Hearing Officer	§5.02
§2.08 Filing, Service and Size Limitations of Motions, Briefs, Responses and Other Documents	§9.01
§2.09 Dismissal of Complaint	§5.03
§2.10 Confidentiality	§5.04
§2.11 Filing of Civil Action	§2.06
§8.02 Compliance with Final Decisions, Requests for Enforcement	§8.03
§8.03 Judicial Review	§8.04
§9.01 Attorney's Fees and Costs	§9.03
§9.02 Ex Parte Communications	§9.04
§9.03 Settlement Agreements	§9.05
§9.04 Revocation, Amendment or Waiver of Rules	§9.06

B. Text of Amendments to Procedural Rules

§1.01 Scope and policy

These rules of the Office of Compliance govern the procedures for consideration and resolution of alleged violations of the laws made applicable under Parts A and D of title II of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995. The rules include procedures for counseling, mediation, and for electing between filing a complaint with the Office of Compliance and filing a civil action in a district court of the United States. The rules also address the procedures for the conduct of hearings held as a result of the filing of a complaint and for appeals to the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance from Hearing Officer decisions, as well as other matters of general applicability to the dispute resolution process and to the operations of the Office of Compliance. It is the policy of the Office that these rules shall be applied with due regard to the rights of all parties and in a manner that expedites the resolution of disputes.

§1.02(c)

Employee. The term employee includes an applicant for employment and a former employee, except as provided in section 2421.3(b) of the Board s rules under section 220 of the Act.

§1.02(i)

Party. The term party means: (1) the employee or the employing office in a proceeding under Part A of title II of the Act; or (2) the labor organization, individual employing office or employing activity, or, as appropriate, the General Counsel in a proceeding under Part D of title II of the Act.

§1.02(j)

Respondent. The term ''respondent'' means the party against which a complaint is filed.

§1.05 Designation of Representative.

(a) An employee, a witness, a labor organization, or an employing office wishing to be represented by another individual must file with the Office a written notice of designation of representative. The representative may be, but is not required to be, an attorney.

(b) *Service where there is a representative.* All service of documents shall be directed to the representative, unless the represented individual, labor organization, or employing office specifies otherwise and until such time as that individual, labor organization, or employing office notifies the Executive Director of an amendment or revocation of the designation of representative. Where a designation of representative is in effect, all time limitations for receipt of materials by the represented individual or entity shall be computed in the same manner as for unrepresented individuals or entities with service of the documents, however, directed to the representative, as provided.

§1.07(b)

Prohibition. Unless specifically authorized by the provisions of the CAA or by order of the Board, the Hearing Officer or a court, or by the procedural rules of the Office, no participant in counseling, mediation or other proceedings made confidential under section 416 of the CAA (''confidential proceedings'') may disclose the contents or records of those proceedings to any person or entity. Nothing in these rules prohibits a bona fide representative of a party under section 1.05 from engaging in communications with that party for the purpose of participation in the proceedings, provided that such disclosure is not made in the presence of individuals not reasonably necessary to the representative's representation of that party. Moreover, nothing in these rules prohibits a party or its representative from disclosing information obtained in confidential proceedings for the limited purposes of investigating claims, ensuring compliance with the Act or preparing its prosecution or defense, to the extent that such disclosure is reasonably necessary to accomplish the aforementioned purposes and provided that the party making the disclosure takes all reasonably appropriate steps to ensure that persons to whom the information is disclosed maintain the confidentiality of such information.

§1.07(c)

Participant. For the purposes of this rule, participant means any individual or party, including a designated representative, that becomes a participant in counseling under section 402, mediation under section 403, the complaint and hearing process under section 405, or an appeal to the Board under section 406 of the Act, or any related proceeding which is expressly or by necessity deemed confidential under the Act or these rules.

§1.07(d)

Contents or records of confidential proceedings. For the purpose of this rule, the contents or records of counseling, mediation or other proceeding includes the information disclosed by participants to the proceedings, and records disclosed by either the opposing party, witnesses or the Office. A participant is free to disclose facts and other information obtained from any source outside of the confidential proceedings. For example, an employing office or its representatives may disclose information about its employment practices and personnel actions, provided that the information was not obtained in a confidential proceeding. However, an employee who obtains that information in mediation or other confidential proceeding may not disclose such information. Similarly, information forming the basis for the allegation of a complaining employee may be disclosed by that employee, provided that the information contained in those allegations was not obtained in a confidential proceeding. However, the employing office or its representatives may not disclose that information if it was obtained in a confidential proceeding.

§2.04(a)

(a) *Explanation.* Mediation is a process in which employees, employing offices and their representatives, if any, meet separately and/or jointly with a neutral trained to assist them in resolving disputes. As parties to the mediation, employees, employing offices and their representatives discuss alternatives to continuing their dispute, including the possibility of reaching a voluntary, mutually satisfactory resolution. The neutral has no power to impose a specific resolution, and the mediation process, whether or not a resolution is reached, is strictly confidential, pursuant to section 416 of the Act.

§2.04(e)

(e) *Duration and Extension.* (1) The mediation period shall be 30 days beginning on the date the request for mediation is received, unless the Office grants an extension.

(2) The Office may extend the mediation period upon the joint request of the parties. The request may be oral or written and shall be noted and filed with the Office no later than the last day of the mediation period. The request shall set forth the joint nature of the request and the reasons therefor, and specify when the parties expect to conclude their discussions. Requests for additional extensions may be made in the same manner. Approval of any extensions shall be within the sole discretion of the Office.

§2.04(f)(2)

(2) *The Agreement to Mediate.* At the commencement of the mediation, the neutral will ask the parties to sign an agreement prepared by the Office (''the Agreement to Mediate''). The Agreement to Mediate will set out the conditions under which mediation will occur, including the requirement that the participants adhere to the confidentiality of the process. The Agreement to Mediate will also provide that the parties to the

mediation will not seek to have the counselor or the neutral participate, testify or otherwise present evidence in any subsequent civil action under section 408 of the Act or any other proceeding.

§2.04(h)

Informal Resolutions and Settlement Agreements. At any time during mediation the parties may resolve or settle a dispute in accordance with section 9.05 of these rules.

§5.01 Complaints

(a) *Who may file.* (1) An employee who has completed mediation under section 2.04 may timely file a complaint with the Office alleging any violation of sections 201 through 207 of the Act.

(2) The General Counsel may file a complaint alleging a violation of section 220 of the Act.

(b) *When to file.* (1) A complaint may be filed by an employee no sooner than 30 days after the date of receipt of the notice under section 2.04(i), but no later than 90 days after receipt of that notice.

(2) A complaint may be filed by the General Counsel after the investigation of a charge filed under section 220 of the Act.

(c) *Form and Contents.* (1) Complaints filed by covered employees. A complaint shall be written or typed on a complaint form available from the Office. All complaints shall be signed by the covered employee, or his or her representative, and shall contain the following information:

(i) the name, mailing address, and telephone number(s) of the complainant;

(ii) the name, address and telephone number of the employing office against which the complaint is brought;

(iii) the name(s) and title(s) of the individual(s) involved in the conduct that the employee claims is a violation of the Act;

(iv) a description of the conduct being challenged, including the date(s) of the conduct;

(v) a brief description of why the complainant believes the challenged conduct is a violation of the Act and the section(s) of the Act involved;

(vi) a statement of the relief or remedy sought; and

(vii) the name, address, and telephone number of the representative, if any, who will act on behalf of the complainant.

(2) Complaints filed by the General Counsel. A complaint filed by the General Counsel shall be typed, signed by the General Counsel or his designee and shall contain the following information:

(i) the name, address and telephone number of the employing office and/or labor organization alleged to have violated section 220 against which the complaint is brought;

(ii) notice of the charge filed alleging a violation of section 220;

(iii) a description of the acts and conduct that are alleged to be violations of the Act, including all relevant dates and places and the names and titles of the responsible individuals; and

(iv) a statement of the relief or remedy sought.

(d) *Amendments.* Amendments to the complaint may be permitted by the Office or, after assignment, by a Hearing Officer, on the following conditions: that all parties to the proceeding have adequate notice to prepare to meet the new allegations; that the amendments, as appropriate, relate to the violations for which the employee has completed counseling and mediation, or relate to the charge(s) investigated by the General Counsel; and that permitting such amendments will not unduly prejudice the rights of the employing office, the labor organization, or other parties, unduly delay the completion of the hearing or otherwise interfere with or impede the proceedings.

(e) *Service of Complaint.* Upon receipt of a complaint or an amended complaint, the Office shall serve the respondent, or its designated representative, by hand delivery or certified mail, with a copy of the complaint or amended complaint and a copy of these rules. The Office shall include a service list containing the names and addresses of the parties and their designated representatives.

(f) *Answer.* Within 15 days after receipt of a copy of a complaint or an amended complaint, the respondent shall file an answer with the Office and serve one copy on the complainant. The answer shall contain a statement of the position of the respondent on each of the issues raised in the complaint or amended complaint, including admissions, denials, or explanations of each allegation made in the complaint and any affirmative defenses or other defenses to the complaint.

Failure to file an answer or to raise a claim or defense as to any allegation(s) shall constitute an admission of such allegation(s). Affirmative defenses not raised in an answer that could have reasonably been anticipated based on the facts alleged in the complaint shall be deemed waived. A respondent's motion for leave to amend an answer to interpose a denial or affirmative defense will ordinarily be granted unless to do so would unduly prejudice the rights of the other party or unduly delay or otherwise interfere with or impede the proceedings.

§5.03 Dismissal of complaints

(a) A Hearing Officer may, after notice and an opportunity to respond, dismiss any claim that the Hearing Officer finds to be frivolous or that fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, including, but not limited to, claims that were not advanced in counseling or mediation.

(b) A Hearing Officer may, after notice and an opportunity to respond, dismiss a complaint because it fails to comply with the applicable time limits or other requirements under the Act or these rules.

(c) If the General Counsel or any complainant fails to proceed with an action, the Hearing Officer may dismiss the complaint with prejudice.

(d) *Appeal.* A dismissal by the Hearing Officer made under section 5.03(a)-(c) or 7.16 of these rules may be subject to appeal before the Board if the aggrieved party files a timely petition for review under section 8.01.

(e) *Withdrawal of Complaint by Complainant.* At any time a complainant may withdraw his or her own complaint by filing a notice with the Office for transmittal to the Hearing Officer and by serving a copy on the employing office or representative. Any such withdrawal must be approved by the Hearing Officer.

(f) *Withdrawal of Complaint by the General Counsel.* At any time prior to the opening of the hearing the General Counsel may withdraw his complaint by filing a notice with the Executive Director and the Hearing Officer and by serving a copy on the respondent. After opening of the hearing, any such withdrawal must be approved by the Hearing Officer.

§7.04(b)

Scheduling of the Prehearing Conference. Within 7 days after assignment, the Hearing Officer shall serve on the parties and their designated representatives written notice setting forth the time, date, and place of the prehearing conference.

§7.07(e)

(e) Any evidentiary objection not timely made before a Hearing Officer shall, in the absence of clear error, be deemed waived on appeal to the Board.

§7.07(f)

(f) If the Hearing Officer concludes that a representative of an employee, a witness, a labor organization, or an employing office has a conflict of interest, he or she may, after giving the representative an opportunity to respond, disqualify the representative. In that event, within the time limits for hearing and decision established by the Act, the affected party will have a reasonable time to retain other representation.

§8.01(i)

The Board may invite amicus participation, in appropriate circumstances, in a manner consistent with the requirements of section 416 of the CAA.

§8.02 Reconsideration

After a final decision or order of the Board has been issued, a party to the proceeding before the Board, who can establish in its moving papers that reconsideration is necessary because the Board has overlooked or misapprehended points of law or fact, may move for reconsideration of such final decision or order. The motion shall be filed within 15 days after service of the Board's decision or order. No response shall be filed unless the Board so orders. The filing and pendency of a motion under this provision shall not relieve a party of the obligation to file a timely appeal or operate to stay the action of the Board unless so ordered by the Board.

§8.04 Judicial review

Pursuant to section 407 of the Act,

(a) the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit shall have jurisdiction over any proceeding commenced by a petition of:

(1) a party aggrieved by a final decision of the Board under section 406(e) in cases arising under part A of title II, or

(2) the General Counsel or a respondent before the Board who files a petition under section 220(c)(3) of the Act.

(b) The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit shall have jurisdiction over any petition of the General Counsel, filed in the name of the Office and at the direction of the Board, to enforce a final decision under section 405(g) or 406(e) with respect to a violation of part A or D of title II of the Act.

(c) The party filing a petition for review shall serve a copy on the opposing party or parties or their representative(s).

§9.02 Signing of pleadings, motions and other filings; violation of rules; sanctions

Every pleading, motion, and other filing of a party represented by an attorney or other designated representative shall be signed by the attorney or representative. A party who is not represented shall sign the pleading, motion or other filing. The signature of a representative or party constitutes a certificate by the signer that the signer has read the pleading, motion, or other filing; that to the best of the signer's knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, it is well grounded in fact and is warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law, and that it is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation. If a pleading, motion, or other filing is not signed, it shall be stricken unless it is signed promptly after the omission is called to the attention of the person who is required to sign. If a pleading, motion, or other filing is signed in violation of this rule, a Hearing Officer or the Board, as appropriate, upon motion or upon its own initiative, shall impose upon the person who signed it, a represented party, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may include an order to pay to the other party or parties the amount of the reasonable expenses incurred because of the filing of the pleading, motion, or other filing, including a reasonable attorney's fee. A

Hearing Officer or the Board, as appropriate, upon motion or its own initiative may also impose an appropriate sanction, which may include the sanctions specified in section 7.02, for any other violation of these rules that does not result from reasonable error.

§ 9.04 Ex parte communications.

(a) *Definitions.* (1) The term *interested person outside the Office* means any covered employee and agent thereof who is not an employee or agent of the Office, any labor organization and agent thereof, any employing office and agent thereof, and any individual or organization and agent thereof, who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in a proceeding or a rulemaking, and the General Counsel and any agent thereof when prosecuting a complaint proceeding before the Office pursuant to sections 210, 215, or 220 of the CAA. The term also includes any employee of the Office who becomes a party or a witness for a party other than the Office in proceedings as defined in these rules.

(2) The term *ex parte communication* means an oral or written communication (a) that is between an interested person outside the Office and a Board member or Hearing Officer who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in a proceeding or a rulemaking; (b) that is related to a proceeding or a rulemaking; (c) that is not made on the public record; (d) that is not made in the presence of all parties to a proceeding or a rulemaking; and (5) that is made without reasonable prior notice to all parties to a proceeding or a rulemaking.

(3) For purposes of section 9.04, the term *proceeding* means the complaint and hearing proceeding under section 405 of the CAA, an appeal to the Board under section 406 of the CAA, a pre-election investigatory hearing under section 220 of the CAA, and any other proceeding of the Office established pursuant to regulations issued by the Board under the CAA.

(4) The term *period of rulemaking* means the period commencing with the issuance of an advance notice of proposed rulemaking or of a notice of proposed rulemaking, whichever issues first, and concluding with the issuance of a final rule.

(b) *Exception to Coverage.* The rules set forth in this section do not apply during periods that the Board designates as periods of negotiated rulemaking.

(c) *Prohibited Ex Parte Communications and Exceptions.* (1) During a proceeding, it is prohibited knowingly to make or cause to be made:

(i) a written ex parte communication if copies thereof are not promptly served by the communicator on all parties to the proceeding in accordance with section 9.01 of these Rules; or

(ii) an oral ex parte communication unless all parties have received advance notice thereof by the communicator and have an adequate opportunity to be present.

(2) During the period of rulemaking, it is prohibited knowingly to make or cause to be made a written or an oral ex parte communication. During the period of rulemaking, the Office shall treat any written ex parte communication as a comment in response to the advance notice of proposed rulemaking or the notice of proposed rulemaking, whichever is pending, and such communications will therefore be part of the public rulemaking record.

(3) Notwithstanding the prohibitions set forth in (1) and (2), the following ex parte communications are not prohibited:

(i) those which relate solely to matters which the Board member or Hearing Officer is authorized by law, Office rules, or order of the Board or Hearing Officer to entertain or dispose of on an ex parte basis;

(ii) those which all parties to the proceeding agree, or which the responsible official formally rules, may be made on an ex parte basis;

(iii) those which concern only matters of general significance to the field of labor and employment law or administrative practice;

(iv) those from the General Counsel to the Office or the Board when the General Counsel is acting on behalf of the Office or the Board under any section of the CAA; and

(v) those which could not reasonably be construed to create either unfairness or the appearance of unfairness in a proceeding or rulemaking.

(4) It is prohibited knowingly to solicit or cause to be solicited any prohibited ex parte communication.

(d) *Reporting of Prohibited Ex Parte Communications.* (1) Any Board member or Hearing Officer who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in a proceeding or a rulemaking and who determines that he or she is being asked to receive a prohibited ex parte communication shall refuse to do so and inform the communicator of this rule.

(2) Any Board member or Hearing Officer who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in a proceeding who knowingly receives a prohibited ex parte communication shall (a) notify the parties to the proceeding that such a communication has been received; and (b) provide the parties with a copy of the communication and of any response thereto (if written) or with a memorandum stating the substance of the communication and any response thereto (if oral). If a proceeding is then pending before either the Board or a Hearing Officer, and if the Board or Hearing Officer so orders, these materials shall then be placed in the record of the proceeding. Upon order of the Hearing Officer or the Board, the parties may be provided with a full opportunity to respond to the alleged prohibited ex parte communication and to address what action, if any, should be taken in the proceeding as a result of the prohibited communication.

(3) Any Board member involved in a rulemaking who knowingly receives a prohibited ex parte communication shall cause to be published in the Congressional Record a notice that such a communication has been received and a copy of the communication and of any response thereto (if written) or with a memorandum stating the substance of the communication and any response thereto (if oral). Upon order of the Board, these materials shall then be placed in the record of the rulemaking and the Board shall provide interested persons with a full opportunity to respond to the alleged prohibited ex parte communication and to address what action, if any, should be taken in the proceeding as a result of the prohibited communication.

(4) Any Board member or Hearing Officer who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in a proceeding or a rulemaking and who knowingly receives a prohibited ex parte communication and who fails to comply with the requirements of subsections (1), (2), or (3) above, is subject to internal censure or discipline through the same procedures that the Board utilizes to address and resolve ethical issues.

(e) *Penalties and Enforcement.* (1) Where a person is alleged to have made or caused another to make a prohibited ex parte communication, the Board or the Hearing Officer (as appropriate) may issue to the person a notice to show cause, returnable within a stated period not less than seven days from the date thereof, why the Board or the Hearing Officer should not determine that the interests of law or justice require that the person be sanctioned by, where applicable, dismissal of his or her claim or interest, the striking of his or her answer, or the imposition of some other appropriate sanction, including but not limited to the award of attorneys' fees and costs incurred in responding to a prohibited ex parte communication. Sanctions shall be commensurate with the seriousness and unreasonableness of the offense, accounting for, among other things, the advertency or inadvertency of the prohibited communication.

(2) Any Board member or Hearing Officer who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in a proceeding or a rulemaking and who knowingly makes or causes to be made a prohibited ex parte communication is subject to internal censure or discipline through the same procedures that the Board utilizes to address and resolve ethical issues.

§ 9.05(a)

(a) *Informal Resolution.* At any time before a covered employee who has filed a formal request for counseling files a complaint under section 405, a covered employee and the employing office, on their own, may agree voluntarily and informally to resolve a dispute, so long as the resolution does not require a waiver of a covered employee's rights or the commitment by the employing office to an enforceable obligation.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

U.S. CONGRESS,
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE,
Washington, DC, September 18, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 304(b) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. §1384(b)), I am transmitting on behalf of the Board of Directors the enclosed notice of proposed rulemaking regulations under Sections 210 and 215 of the Act for publication in the Congressional Record.

The Congressional Accountability Act specifies that the enclosed notice be published on the first day on which both Houses are in session following this transmittal.

Sincerely,

GLEN D. NAGER,
Chair of the Board.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE—THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995: EXTENSION OF RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Summary: The Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance is publishing proposed regulations to implement Section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (''CAA''), 2 U.S.C. §§1301–1438, as applied to covered entities of the House of Representatives, the Senate, and certain Congressional instrumentalities listed below.

The CAA applies the rights and protections of eleven labor and employment and public access statutes to covered entities within the Legislative Branch. Section 210(b) provides that the rights and protections against discrimination in the provision of public services and accommodations established by sections 201 through 230, 302, 303, and 309 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§12131–12150, 12182, 12183, and 12189 (''ADA'') shall apply to certain covered entities. 2 U.S.C. §1331(b). The above provisions of section 210 are effective on January 1, 1997. 2 U.S.C. §1331(h).

In addition to inviting comment in this Notice, the Board, through the statutory appointees of the Office, sought consultation with the Department of Justice and the Secretary of Transportation regarding the development of these regulations in accordance with section 304(g)(2) of the CAA. The Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department and the Department of Transportation provided helpful comments and assistance during the development of these regulations. The Board also notes that the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance has completed an inspection of all covered facilities for compliance with disability access standards under section 210 of the CAA and has submitted his final report to Congress. Based on information gleaned from these consultations and the experience gained from the General Counsel's inspections, the Board is publishing these proposed regulations, pursuant to section 210(e) of the CAA, 2 U.S.C. §1331(e).

The purpose of these regulations is to implement section 210 of the CAA. In this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (''NPRM'' or ''Notice'') the Board proposes that virtually identical regulations be adopted for the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the seven Congressional instrumentalities. Accordingly:

(1) *Senate.* It is proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to entities within the Senate, and this proposal regarding the Senate entities is recommended by the Office of Compliance's Deputy Executive Director for the Senate.

(2) *House of Representatives.* It is further proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to entities within the House of Representatives, and this proposal regarding the House of Representatives entities is recommended by the Office of Compliance's Deputy Executive Director for the House of Representatives.

(3) *Certain Congressional instrumentalities.* It is further proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to the Capitol Guide Service, the Capitol Police, the Congressional Budget Office, the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Office of the Attending Physician, and the Office of Compliance; and this proposal regarding these six Congressional instrumentalities is recommended by the Office of Compliance s Executive Director.

Dates: Comments are due within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice in the Congressional Record.

Addresses: Submit written comments (an original and 10 copies) to the Chair of the Board of Directors, Office of Compliance, Room LA 200, John Adams Building, 110 Second Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540-1999. Those wishing to receive notification of receipt of comments are requested to include a self-addressed, stamped post card. Comments may also be transmitted by facsimile (''FAX'') machine to (202) 426-1913. This is not a toll-free call. Copies of comments submitted by the public will be available for review at the Law Library Reading Room, Room LM-201, Law Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, Washington, D.C., Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

For further information contact: Executive Director, Office of Compliance, at (202) 724-9250 (voice), (202) 426-1912 (TTY). This Notice is also available in the following formats: large print, braille, audio tape, and electronic file on computer disk. Requests for this notice in an alternative format should be made to Mr. Russell Jackson, Director, Services Department, Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, at (202) 224-2705 (voice), (202) 224-5574 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background and Summary

The Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA), Pub.L. 104-1, 109 Stat. 3, was enacted on January 23, 1995. 2 U.S.C. §§1301-1438. In general, the CAA applies the rights and protections of eleven federal labor and employment and public access statutes to covered employees and employing offices.

Section 210(b) provides that the rights and protections against discrimination in the provision of public services and accommodations established by the provisions of Titles II and III (sections 201 through 230, 302, 303, and 309) of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§12131-12150, 12182, 12183, and 12189 (''ADA'') shall apply to the following entities:

(1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee;

(2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee;

(3) each joint committee of the Congress;

(4) the Capitol Guide Service;

(5) the Capitol Police;

(6) the Congressional Budget Office;

(7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden);

(8) the Office of the Attending Physician; and

(9) the Office of Compliance.

2 U.S.C. §1331(b).

Title II of the ADA generally prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, programs, or activities by any ''public entity''. Section 210(b)(2) of the CAA defines the term ''public entity'' for Title II purposes as any entity listed above that provides public services, programs, or activities. 2 U.S.C. §1331(b)(2).

Title III of the ADA generally prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public accommodations and requires places of public accommodation and commercial facilities to be designed, constructed, and altered in compliance with accessibility standards. Section 225(f) of the CAA provides that, ''[e]xcept where inconsistent with definitions and exemptions provided in this Act, the definitions and exemptions of the [ADA] shall apply under this Act.'' 2 U.S.C. §1361(f)(1).

Section 210(f) of the CAA requires that the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance on a regular basis, and at least once each Congress, conduct periodic inspections of all covered facilities and report to Congress on compliance with disability access standards under section 210. 2 U.S.C. §1331(f).

Section 210(e) of the CAA requires the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance established under the CAA to issue regulations implementing the section. 2 U.S.C. §1331(e). Section 210(e) further states that such regulations ''shall be the same as substantive regulations promulgated by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (b) except to the extent that the Board may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section.'' *Id.* Section 210(e) further provides that the regulations shall include a method of identifying, for purposes of this section and for different categories of violations of subsection (b), the entity responsible for correction of a particular violation. 2 U.S.C. §1331(e).

In developing these proposed regulations, a number of issues have been identified and explored. The Board has proposed to resolve these issues as described below.

A. In general

1. *Public services and accommodations regulations promulgated by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation that the board will adopt under section 210(e) of the CAA.*— Section 210(e) requires the Board to issue regulations that are the same as ''substantive regulations promulgated by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (b) except to the extent that the Board may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section.'' 2 U.S.C. §1331(e).

Consistent with its prior decisions on this issue, the Board has determined that all regulations promulgated after a notice and comment by the Attorney General and/or the Secretary of Transportation to implement the provisions of Title II and Title III of the ADA applied by section 210(b) of the CAA are ''substantive regulations'' within the meaning of section 210(e). *See, e.g.*, 142 Cong.Rec. S5070, S5071–72 (daily ed. May 15, 1996) (NPRM implementing section 220(d) regulations); 141 Cong. Rec. S17605 (daily ed. Nov. 28, 1995) (NPRM implementing section 203 regulations). *See also Reves v. Ernst & Young,* 113 S.Ct. 1163, 1169 (1993) (where same phrase or term is used in two different places in the same statute, it is reasonable for court to give each use a similar construction); *Sorenson v. Secretary of the Treasury,* 475 U.S. 851, 860 (1986) (normal rule of statutory construction assumes that identical words in different parts of the same act are intended to have the same meaning).

In this regard, the Board has reviewed the provisions of section 210 of the CAA, the sections of the ADA applied by that section, and the regulations of the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation, to determine whether and to what extent those regulations are substantive regulations which implement the provisions of Title II and Title III of the ADA applied by section 210(b) of the CAA. As explained more fully below, the Board proposes to adopt the following otherwise applicable regulations of the Attorney General published at Parts 35 and 36 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations (''CFR'') and those of the Secretary of Transportation published at Parts 37 and 38 of Title 49 of the CFR:

1. *Attorney General's regulations at Part 35 of Title 28 of the CFR:* The Attorney General's regulations at Part 35 implement subtitle A of Title II of the ADA (sections 201 through 205), the rights and protections of which are applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA. *See* 28 CFR §35.101 (Purpose). Therefore, the Board determines that these regulations will be adopted in the proposed regulations under section 210(e).

2. *Attorney General's regulations at Part 36 of Title 28 of the CFR:* The Attorney General's regulations at Part 36 implement Title III of the ADA (sections 301 through 309). *See* 28 CFR §36.101 (Purpose). Section 210(b) only applies the rights and protections of three sections of Title III with respect to public accommodations: prohibitions against discrimination (section 302), provisions regarding new construction and alterations (section 303), and provisions regarding examinations and courses (section 309). Therefore, only those regulations in Part 36 that are reasonably necessary to implement the statutory provisions of sections 302, 303, and 309 will be adopted by the Board under section 210(e) of the CAA.

3. *Secretary of Transportation regulations at Parts 37 and 38 of Title 49 of the CFR:* The Secretary's regulations at Parts 37 and 38 implement the transportation provisions of Title II and Title III of the ADA. *See* 49 CFR §§37.101 (Purpose) and 38.1 (Purpose). The provisions of Title II and Title III of the ADA relating to transportation and applied to covered entities by section 210(b) of the CAA are subtitle B of Title II (sections 221 through 230) and certain portions of section 302 of Title III. Thus, those regulations of the Secretary that are reasonably necessary to implement the statutory provisions of sections 221 through 230, 302, and 303 of the ADA will be adopted by the Board under section 210(e) of the CAA.

The Board proposes not to adopt those regulatory provisions of the regulations of the Attorney General or those of the Secretary that have no conceivable applicability to operations of entities within the Legislative Branch or are unlikely to be invoked. *See* 141 Cong. Rec. at S17604 (daily ed. Nov. 28, 1995) (NPRM implementing section 203 regulations). Unless public comments demonstrate otherwise, the Board intends to include in the adopted regulations a provision stating that the Board has issued substantive regulations on all matters for which section 210(e) requires a regulation. *See* section 411 of the CAA, 2 U.S.C. §1411.

In addition, the Board has proposed to make technical changes in definitions and nomenclature so that the regulations comport with the CAA and the organizational structure of the Office of Compliance. In the Board's judgment, making such changes satisfies the CAA's ''good cause'' requirement. With the exception of these technical and nomenclature changes, the Board does not propose substantial departure from otherwise applicable Secretary's regulations.

The Board notes that the General Counsel applied the above-referenced standards of Parts 35 and 36 of the Attorney General's regulations and Parts 37 and 38 of the Secretary's regulations during his initial inspection of all Legislative Branch facilities pursuant to section 210(f) of the CAA. In contrast to other sections of the CAA, which generally give the Office of Compliance only adjudicatory and regulatory responsibilities, the General Counsel has the authority to investigate and prosecute alleged violations of disability standards under section 210, as well as the responsibility for inspecting covered facilities to ensure compliance. According to the General Counsel's final inspection report, the Title II and Title III regulations encompass the following requirements:

1. *Program accessibility:* This standard is applied to ensure physical access to public programs, services, or activities. Under this standard, covered entities must modify policies, practices, and procedures to ensure an equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities. If policy and procedural modifications are ineffective, then structural modifications may be required.

2. *Effective communication:* This standard requires covered entities to make sure that their communications with individuals with disabilities (such as in the context of constituent meetings and committee hearings) are as effective as their communications with others. Covered entities are required to make information available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or audio tape, or use methods that provide individuals with disabilities the opportunity to effectively communicate, such as sign language interpreters or the use of pen and paper. Primary consideration must be given to the method preferred by the individual. For telecommunications, the use of text telephones (TTY's) or the use of relay services is required.

3. *ADA Standards for Accessible Design:* These standards are applied to architectural barriers, including structural barriers to communication, such as telephone booths, to ensure that existing facilities, new construction, and new alterations, are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

See Inspection Report, App. A-3—A-4.

The Board recognizes that, as with other obligations under the CAA, covered entities will need information and guidance regarding compliance with these ADA standards as adopted in these proposed regulations, which the Office will provide as part of its education and information activities.

2. *Modification of regulations of the Attorney General and the Secretary*.—The Board has considered whether and to what extent it should modify otherwise applicable substantive public service and accommodation standards of the Attorney General and the Secretary. As the Board has noted in prior rulemakings, the language and legislative history of the CAA leads the Board to conclude that, absent clear statutory language to the contrary, the Board should hew as closely as possible to the text of otherwise applicable regulations promulgated by the appropriate executive branch agency to implement the statutory provisions applied to the Legislative Branch by the CAA. *See* 142 Cong. Rec. S221, S222 (daily ed. Jan. 22, 1996) (Notice of Adoption of Rules Implementing Section 203 regulations) (''The CAA was intended not only to bring covered employees the benefits of the . . . incorporated laws, but also require Congress to experience the same compliance burdens faced by other employers so that it could more fairly legislate in this area.''). Thus, consistent with its prior decisions, the Board proposes to issue the regulations of the Attorney General and the Secretary with only technical changes in the nomenclature and deletion of those sections clearly inapplicable to the Legislative Branch. *See, e.g.*, 141 Cong. Rec. S17603-S17604 (daily ed. Nov. 28, 1995) (NPRM implementing section 203 regulations).

This conclusion is supported by the General Counsel's inspection report, which applied the substantive public service and accommodation standards to covered facilities in the course of his initial inspections under section 210(f) of the CAA. Specifically, there was nothing about the reported condition of facilities within the Legislative Branch that suggested that they were so different from comparable private sector and state and local governmental facilities as to require a public service and accommodations standard different than those applied by the Attorney General and the Secretary. *See generally* Gen. Couns., Off. Compliance, ''Report on Initial Inspections of Facilities for Compliance with Americans With Disability Act Standards Under Section 210'' (1996) (''Disability Access Report''). Thus, with the exception of nonsubstantive technical and nomenclature changes, the Board proposes no departure from the text of otherwise applicable portions of the regulations of the Attorney General and those of the Secretary.

3. Specific issues regarding the Attorney General's title II regulations (part 35, 28 CFR).

a. *Self-evaluation, notice, and designation of responsible employee and adoption of grievance provisions (sections 35.105, 35.106, and 35.107).*—Section 35.105 of the Attorney General's regulations establishes a requirement that all ''public entities'' evaluate their current policies and practices to identify and correct any that are inconsistent with accessibility requirements under the regulation. Those that employ 50 or more persons are required to maintain the self-evaluation on file and make it available for public inspection for three years. This self-evaluation does not cover activities covered by the Department of Transportation regulations (implementing sections 221 through 230 of the ADA). Section 35.106 requires a public entity to disseminate sufficient information to applicants, participants, beneficiaries, and other interested persons to inform them of the rights and protections afforded by the ADA and the regulations. Methods of providing this information include, for example, the publication of information in handbooks, manuals, and pamphlets that are distributed to the public and that describe a public entity's programs and activities; the display of informative posters in service centers and other public places; or the broadcast of information by television or radio. *See* 56 Fed. Reg. 35694, 35702 (July 26, 1991) (preamble to final rule regarding Part 35). Section 35.107 requires that public entities with 50 or more employees designate a responsible employee and adopt grievance procedures. This provision establishes an alternative dispute resolution mechanism without requiring the complainant to resort to legal complaint procedures under the ADA. However, the complainant is not required to exhaust these procedures before filing a complaint under the ADA. *See* 56 Fed. Reg. at 35702.

The Board has considered whether and to what extent it may and should impose these recordkeeping, notice, and grievance requirements on covered entities. In contrast to the recordkeeping requirements of other laws applied by the CAA (such as the Fair Labor Standards Act) which were not included in sections of the laws applied to covered employees and employing offices by the CAA, the recordkeeping, notice, and grievance requirements in sections 35.105, 35.106, and 35.107 of the Attorney General's regulations implement subtitle A of Title II of the ADA, which is applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA. *See* 28 CFR §35.101; *see also* 28 CFR, pt. 35, App. A at 456–57 (section-by-section analysis). Thus, these regulations have been included in the Board's proposed regulations. *Compare* 141 Cong. Rec. S17603, S17604 (daily ed. Nov. 28, 1995) (recordkeeping requirements of the FLSA not included within the provisions applied by section 203 of the CAA cannot be the subject of Board rulemaking), 142 Cong. Rec. S221, S222 (daily ed. Jan. 22, 1996) (Notice of Adoption of Regulations Implementing Section 203) (same), and 141 Cong. Rec. S17628 (same rationale regarding recordkeeping requirements of the Family and Medical Leave Act) *with* 141 Cong. Rec. at 17657 (daily ed. Jan. 22, 1996) (recordkeeping requirements included

within portion of Employee Polygraph Protection Act applied by section 204 of the CAA must be included within the proposed rules).

The Board also retains the 50 employee cut-off for imposing self-evaluation record-keeping and grievance requirements on covered entities. Given that state and local government entities covered by Title II of the ADA have agencies of comparable size to entities within the Legislative Branch, the Board at present sees no reason to impose a different threshold for such obligations. Therefore, these provisions will be adopted as written, unless comments establish that there is ''good cause'' for modification.

b. *Retaliation or coercion (section 35.134).*—Section 35.134 of the Attorney General's regulations implements section 503 of the ADA, which prohibits retaliation against any individual who exercises his or her rights under the ADA. 28 CFR pt. 35, App. A at 464 (section-by-section analysis). Section 35.134 is not a provision which implements a right or protection applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA and, therefore, it will not be included within the adopted regulations.

c. *Employment discrimination provisions (section 35.140).*—Section 35.140 of the Attorney General's regulations prohibits employment discrimination by covered public entities. Section 35.140 implements Title II of the ADA, which has been interpreted to apply to all activities of a public entity, including employment. *See* 56 Fed. Reg. at 35707 (preamble to final rule regarding Part 35). However, section 210(c) of the CAA states that, ''with respect to any claim of employment discrimination asserted by any covered employee, the exclusive remedy shall be under section 201 of [the CAA].'' 2 U.S.C. §1331(c). The Board proposes to adopt the employment discrimination provisions of section 35.140 as part of its regulations under section 210(e), and also to add a statement that, pursuant to section 210(c) of the CAA, section 201 of the CAA provides the exclusive remedy for any such employment discrimination. In the Board's judgment, making such a change satisfies the CAA's ''good cause'' requirement.

d. *Effective dates.*—In several portions of Part 35 of the Attorney General's regulations, references are made to dates such as the effective date of the Part 35 regulations or effective dates derived from the statutory provisions of the ADA. *See, e.g.*, 28 CFR §§35.150(c), (d), and 35.151(a); *see also* 56 Fed. Reg. at 35710 (preamble to final rule regarding Part 35). The Board proposes to substitute dates which correspond to analogous periods for the purposes of the CAA. In this way covered entities under section 210 may have the same time to come into compliance relative to the effective date of section 210 of the CAA afforded public entities subject to Title II of the ADA. In the Board's judgment, such changes satisfy the CAA's ''good cause'' requirement.

e. *Compliance procedures.*—Subpart F of the Attorney General's regulations (sections 35.170 through 35.189) set forth administrative enforcement procedures under Title II. Subpart F implements the provisions of section 203 of the ADA, which is applied to covered entities under section 210 of the CAA. Although procedural in nature, such provisions address the remedies, procedures, and rights under section 203 of the ADA, and thus the otherwise applicable provisions of these regulations are ''substantive regulations'' for section 210(e) purposes. *See* 142 Cong. Rec. at S5071–72 (similar analysis under section 220(d) of the CAA). However, since section 303 reserves to the Executive Director the authority to promulgate regulations that ''govern the procedures of the Office,'' and since the Board believes that the benefit of having one set of procedural rules provides the ''good cause'' for modifying the Attorney General's regulations, the Board proposes to incorporate the provisions of Subpart F into the Office's procedural rules, to omit provisions that set forth procedures which conflict with express provisions of section 210 of the CAA or are already provided for under comparable provisions of the Office's rules, and to omit rules with no applicability to the Legislative Branch (such as provisions covering entities subject to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, provisions regarding State immunity, and provisions regarding referral of complaints to the Justice Department). *See* 142 Cong. Rec. at S5071–72 (similar analysis and conclusion under section 220(d) of the CAA).

f. *Designated agencies (Subpart G).*—Subpart G of the Attorney General's regulations designates the Federal agencies responsible for investigating complaints under Title II of the ADA. Given the structure of the CAA, such provisions are not applicable to covered Legislative Branch entities and, therefore, will not be adopted under section 210(e).

g. *Appendix to Part 35.*—The Board proposes not to adopt Appendix A to Part 35, the section-by-section analysis of Part 35. Since the Board has only adopted portions of the Attorney General's Part 35 regulations and modified several provisions to conform to the CAA, it does not appear appropriate to include Appendix A. However, the Board notes that the section-by-section analysis may have some relevance to interpreting sections of Part 35 which the Board has adopted without change.

4. *Specific issues regarding the Attorney General's title III regulations (part 36, 28 CFR).*

a. *''Ownership'' or ''leasing'' of places of public accommodation, landlord and tenant obligations (sections 36.104 and 36.201(b)).*—In section 36.104 of the Attorney General's regulations (Definitions), the term ''public accommodations'' is defined as ''a private entity that owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of public accommodation.'' Section 36.201(b) delineates the respective obligations of landlords and tenants under the ADA. It provides that the landlord that owns the building that houses the place of public accommodation, as well as the tenant that owns or operates the place of public accommodation, are public accommodations that have obligations under the regulations. Section 36.201(b) further provides that, as between the parties, allocation of responsibility for compliance may be determined by lease or other contract. *See* 36 CFR, pt. 36, App. B at 593–94 (section-by-section analysis).

On its face, these provisions do not apply to facilities within the Legislative Branch. For example, covered entities do not ''own'' the buildings or facilities housing a place of public accommodation in the way that private entities do. Similarly, the Board is unaware of any situations in which an otherwise covered entity within the Legislative Branch may ''lease'' its facilities to another Legislative Branch entity. The only lease agreements of which the Board is aware would be between otherwise covered entities and persons or entities over which the CAA has no jurisdiction. For example, the General Services Administration or a private building owner may lease space to Congressional offices, but neither entity would fall within the CAA's definition of a covered entity.

Although the concepts of ''ownership'' or ''leasing'' do not appear to apply to facilities within the Legislative Branch, the Architect of the Capitol does have statutory superintendence responsibility for certain legislative branch buildings and facilities, including the Capitol Building, which includes duties and responsibilities analogous to those of a ''landlord''. *See* 40 U.S.C. §§ 163–166 (Capitol Building), 167–175 and 185a (House and Senate office buildings), 193a (Capitol grounds), and 216b (Botanical Garden). As noted in section B.2 of this Notice, *infra*, the concept of ''superintendence'' may be relevant to determining whether an entity ''operates'' a place of public accommodation within the meaning of section 210(b). Although the provisions of section 36.201(b) of the Attorney General's regulations are not directly applicable, the Board believes that, where two or more entities may have compliance obligations under section 210(b) as ''responsible entities'' under the proposed regulations, those entities should have the ability to allocate responsibility by agreement similar to the case of landlords and tenants with respect to public accommodations under Title III of the ADA. Thus, the proposed regulations adopt such provisions modeled after section 36.201(b) of the Attorney General's regulations. However, by promulgating this provision, the Board does not intend any substantive change in the statutory responsibility of entities under section 210(b) or the applicable substantive rights and protections of the ADA applied thereunder. *See* 142 Cong. Rec. at S270 (final rule under section 205 of the CAA substitutes the term ''privatization'' for ''sale of business'' in the Secretary of Labor's regulations under the Worker Adjustment Retraining and Notification Act).

b. *Effective dates.*—Section 36.401(a) of the Attorney General's regulations provides generally that all facilities designed and constructed for first occupancy later than January 26, 1993 (30 months after the date of enactment of the ADA) must be readily accessible to and usable by individual with disabilities. Section 36.401 implements section 303 of the ADA, which is applied to covered facilities under section 210(b) of the CAA. Section 303 provides the compliance date regarding new construction is 30 months after the date of enactment. Consistent with its resolution of a similar issue with respect to adoption of the Attorney General's Title II regulations, the Board proposes to substitute a date 30 months after the date of enactment of section 210 of the CAA (*i.e.*, July 23, 1997) in the places that it appears in section 36.401(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(2)(i), and (a)(2)(ii). In the Board's judgment, making such changes satisfies the CAA's ''good cause'' requirement. Similarly, the Board will substitute the effective date of section 210 of the CAA (January 1, 1997) for the effective date of Titles II and III of the ADA (July 26, 1992) wherever it appears in sections 36.151, 36.401, 36.402, and 36.403 to give covered entities the equivalent time benefits under the CAA that public and private entities enjoyed prior to the effective date of their obligations under the ADA. *See* 56 Fed. Reg. 7452, 7472 (Feb. 22, 1991) (preamble to NPRM regarding Part 36), and section 3.d. of this Notice (similar resolution of issue under Part 35 regulations). Other dates contained in these regulations are derived from the statutory provisions of the ADA. The Board has determined there is ''good cause'' to substitute dates that correspond to analogous periods for the purposes of the CAA.

c. *Retaliation or coercion (section 36.206).*—Section 36.206 of the Attorney General's regulations implements section 503 of the ADA, which prohibits retaliation against any individual who exercises his or her rights under the ADA. 56 Fed. Reg. at 7462–63 (preamble to NPRM regarding Part 36); 28 CFR pt. 36, App. B at 598 (section-by-section analysis). Section 36.206 is not a provision which implements a right or protection applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA and therefore will not be included within the

adopted regulations. The Board notes, however, that section 207 of the CAA provides a comprehensive retaliation protection for employees (including applicants and former employees) who may invoke their rights under section 210, although section 207 does not apply to nonemployees who may enjoy rights and protections against discrimination under section 210.

d. *Places of public accommodations in private residences (section 36.207).*—Section 36.207 of the Attorney General's regulations deals with the situation where all or part of a home may be used to house a place of public accommodation. *See* 28 CFR pt. 36, App. B at 599 (section-by-section analysis). The Board takes notice that some Members of the Congress may use all or part of their own residences as a District or State office in which they may receive constituents, conduct meetings, and other activities which may result in the area being deemed a place of public accommodation within the meaning of section 210 of the CAA. Therefore, the Board proposes adoption of this provision.

e. *Insurance provisions (section 36.212).*—Section 36.212 of the Attorney General's regulations restates section 501(c) of the ADA, which provides that the ADA shall not be construed to restrict certain insurance practices on the part of insurance companies and employers, so long as such practices are not used to evade the purposes of the ADA. *See* 56 Fed. Reg. at 7464-65 (preamble to NPRM regarding Part 36); 28 CFR pt. 36, App. B at 603 (section-by-section analysis). As a limitation on the scope of the rights and protections of Title III of the ADA, these provisions may be applied under the CAA. *See* section 225(f) of the CAA, 2 U.S.C. §1361(f). Although section 36.212 appears intended primarily to cover insurance companies, some of the terms of its provisions may be broad enough to have applicability to covered entities. Accordingly, the Board proposes to adopt, with appropriate modifications, section 36.212.

f. *Enforcement Procedures (Subpart E).*—Subpart E of the Attorney General's regulations (sections 36.501 through 36.599) set forth the enforcement procedures under Title III of the ADA. As the Justice Department noted in its NPRM regarding subpart E, the Department of Justice does not have the authority to establish procedures for judicial review and enforcement and, therefore, ''Subpart E generally restates the statutory procedures for enforcement''. 28 CFR pt. 36, App. B at 638 (section-by-section analysis). Additionally, the regulations derive from the provisions of section 308 of the ADA, which is not applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA. Thus, the regulations in subpart E are not promulgated by the Attorney General as substantive regulations to implement the statutory provisions of the ADA referred to in section 210(b), within the meaning of section 210(e).

g. *Certification of State Laws or Local Building Codes (subpart F).*—Subpart F of the Attorney General's regulations establishes procedures to implement section 308(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the ADA regarding compliance with State laws or building codes as evidence of compliance with accessibility standards under the ADA. 28 CFR pt. 36, App. B at 640 (section-by-section analysis). Section 308 is not one of the laws applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA and, therefore, these regulations will not be adopted under section 210(e).

h. *Appendices to Part 36.*—Part 36 of the Attorney General's regulations includes two appendices, only one of which the Board proposes to adopt as part of these regulations. The Board proposes to adopt as an appendix to these regulations Appendix A (ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities (''ADAAG'')), which provides guidance regarding the design, construction, and alteration of buildings and facilities covered by Titles II and III of the ADA. 28 CFR pt. 36, App. A. The Board also proposes to adopt as Appendix B to these regulations the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) (Appendix A to 41 CFR pt. 101–19.6). Such guidelines, where not inconsistent with express provisions of the CAA or of the regulations adopted by the Board, may be relied upon by covered entities and others in proceedings under section 210 of the CAA to the same extent as similarly situated persons may rely upon them in actions brought under Title III of the ADA. *See* 142 Cong. Rec. at S222 and 141 Cong. Rec. at S17606 (similar resolution regarding Secretary of Labor's interpretative bulletins under the Fair Labor Standards Act for section 203 purposes). Covered entities may also use the Attorney General's ADA Technical Assistance Manual and other similar publications for guidance regarding their obligations under regulations adopted by the Board without change.

The Board proposes not to adopt Appendix B, the section-by-section analysis of Part 36. Since the Board has only adopted portions of the Attorney General's Part 36 regulations and modified several provisions to conform to the CAA, it does not appear appropriate to include Appendix B. However, the Board notes that the section-by-section analysis may have some relevance to interpreting the sections of Part 36 that the Board has adopted without change.

5. *Specific issues regarding the Secretary of Transportation's title II and title III regulations (parts 37 and 38, 49 CFR).*

a. *Definitions (section 37.3).*—As noted above, the Board will make technical and nomenclature changes to the included regulations to adapt them to the CAA. In addition, certain definitions in section 37.3 of the Secretary's regulations relate strictly to implementation of Part II of Title II of the ADA (sections 241 through 246), dealing with public transportation by intercity and commuter rail. Sections 241 through 246 of the ADA were not within the rights and protections applied to covered entities under section 210(b) and, therefore, the regulations implementing such sections are not substantive regulations of the Secretary required to be adopted by the Board within the meaning of section 210(e). Accordingly, the Board will exclude from its regulations the definitions of terms such as ''commerce,'' ''commuter authority,'' ''commuter rail car,'' ''commuter rail transportation,'' ''intercity rail passenger car,'' and ''intercity rail transportation,'' which relate to sections 241 through 246 of the ADA.

b. *Nondiscrimination (section 37.5).*—Subsection (f) of section 37.5 of the Secretary's regulations relates to private entities primarily engaged in the business of transporting people and whose operations affect commerce. This subsection implements section 304 of the ADA, which is not a right or protection applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA. *See* 56 Fed. Reg. 13856, 13858 (April 4, 1991) (preamble to NPRM regarding Part 37). Therefore, it is not a regulation of the Secretary included within the scope of rulemaking under section 210(e) of the CAA and will not be included in these regulations.

c. *References to the Administrator.*—In several provisions of the Secretary's regulations which the Board will include as substantive regulations, reference is made to the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (''Administrator'' or ''FTA''). Several regulations provide that entities may make requests to the Administrator for waivers or other relief from the accessibility requirements of the regulations. *See, e.g.,* section 37.7(b) (determination of equivalent facilitation), 37.71 (waiver of accessibility requirements for new buses), 37.135 (submission of paratransit plans), and 37.153 (FTA waiver determinations).

These provisions will be invoked rarely, if at all. Nevertheless, the Board proposes to adopt these provisions and has determined that there is ''good cause'' to substitute the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance for the Administrator of the FTA. There is some concern that authorizing the FTA, an executive branch agency, to relieve covered entities from the accessibility requirements of section 210 may be tantamount to executive enforcement of section 210. *See* section 225(f)(3) (''This Act shall not be construed to authorize enforcement by the executive branch of this Act.''). In this context, the General Counsel, as the officer responsible for investigating and prosecuting complaints under section 210, *see* section 210(d) and (f) of the CAA, is the appropriate analogue for the Administrator. Moreover, if such a waiver request is made by covered entities which requires FTA expertise, such assistance may be obtained by the Executive Director through the use of detailees or consultants. *See* CAA sections 210(f)(4) and 302(e) and (f).

d. *State Administering Agencies.*— Several portions of the Secretary's regulations refer to obligations of entities regulated by state agencies administering federal transportation funds. *See, e.g.,* sections 37.77(d) (requires filing of equivalent service certificates with state administering agency), 37.135(f) (submission of paratransit development plan to state administering agency) and 37.145 (State comments on paratransit plans). Any references to obligations not imposed on covered entities, such as state law requirements and laws regulating entities that receive Federal financial assistance, will be excluded from these proposed regulations.

e. *Dates (sections 37.9, 37.71 through 37.87, 37.91, and 37.151).*—There are several references in the Secretary's regulations to dates from which duties commence and by which certain action should be taken. *See* sections 37.9, 37.13, 37.41, 37.43, 37.47, 37.71 through 37.87, 37.91, and 37.151. The dates set forth in the regulations are derived from the statutory provisions of the ADA. *See, e.g.,* 49 CFR, pt. 37, App. D at 497, 501-02 (section-by-section analysis). The Board has determined that there is ''good cause'' to substitute dates which correspond to analogous periods for purposes of the CAA.

f. *Administrative Enforcement (section 37.11).*—Section 37.11 of the Secretary's regulations does not implement any provision of the ADA applied to covered entities under section 210 of the CAA. Moreover, the enforcement procedures of section 210 are explicitly provided for in section 210(d) (''Available Procedures''). Accordingly, this section will not be included within the Board's proposed regulations. The subject matter of enforcement procedures will be addressed, if necessary, under the Office's procedural rules.

g. *Applicability and Transportation Facilities (subparts B and C).*—Certain sections of Subparts B (Applicability) and C (Transportation Facilities) of the Secretary's regulations were promulgated to implement sections 242 and 304 of the ADA, provisions that are not applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA or are otherwise inapplicable to Legislative Branch entities. Therefore, the Board will exclude the following sections from its substantive regulations on that basis: 37.21(a)(2) and (b) (relating to private entities under section 304 of the ADA and private entities receiving Federal assistance from the Transportation Department), 37.25 (university transportation systems), 37.29 (private taxi services), 37.33 (airport

transportation systems), 37.37(a) and 37.37(e)-(g) (relating to coverage of private entities and other entities under section 304 of the ADA), and 37.49–37.57 (relating to intercity and commuter rail systems). Similarly, the Board proposes modifying sections 37.21(c), 37.37(d), and 37.37(h) and other sections where references are made to requirements or circumstances strictly encompassed by the provisions of section 304 of the ADA and, therefore, not applicable to covered entities under the CAA. *See, e.g.,* sections 37.25–37.27 (transportation for elementary and secondary education systems).

h. *Acquisition of Accessible Vehicles by Public Entities (Subpart D).*—Subpart D (sections 37.71 through 37.95) of the Secretary's regulations relate to acquisition of accessible vehicles by public entities. Certain sections of subpart D were promulgated to implement sections 242 and 304 of the ADA, which were not applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA, or are otherwise inapplicable to Legislative Branch entities. Therefore, the Board will exclude the following sections from its substantive regulations on that basis: 37.87–37.91 and 37.93(b) (relating to intercity and commuter rail service).

i. *Acquisition of Accessible Vehicles by Private Entities (Subpart E).*—Subpart E (sections 37.101 through 37.109) of the Secretary's regulations relates to acquisition of accessible vehicles by private entities. Section 37.101, relating to acquisition of vehicles by private entities not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people, implements section 302 of the ADA, which is applied to covered entities under section 210(b). Therefore, the Board will adopt section 37.101 as part of its section 210(e) regulations. Sections 37.103, 37.107, and 37.109 of the regulations implement section 304 of the ADA, which is inapplicable to covered entities under the ADA. Therefore, the Board proposes not to include them within its substantive regulations under section 210(e) of the CAA.

j. *Appendices to Part 37.*—Part 37 of the Secretary's regulations includes several appendices, only one of which the Board proposes to adopt as part of these regulations. The Board proposes to adopt as an appendix to these regulations Appendix A (Standards for Accessible Transportation Facilities, ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities), which provides guidance regarding the design, construction, and alteration of buildings and facilities covered by Titles II and III of the ADA. 49 CFR pt. 37, App. A. Such guidelines, where not inconsistent with express provisions of the CAA or of the regulations adopted by the Board, may be relied upon by covered entities and other in proceedings under section 210 of the CAA to the same extent as similarly situated persons may rely upon them in actions brought under Title II and Title III of the ADA. *See* 142 Cong. Rec. at S222 and 141 Cong. Rec. at S17606 (similar resolution regarding Secretary of Labor's interpretative bulletins under the Fair Labor Standards Act for section 203 purposes).

The Board proposes not to adopt Appendix B, which gives the addresses of FTA regional offices. Such information is not relevant to covered entities under the CAA. The Board also proposes to adopt portions of Appendix C, which contain forms for certification of equivalent service. The Board will delete reference to the requirement that public entities receiving financial assistance under the Federal Transit Act submit the certification to their state program office before procuring any inaccessible vehicle. This certification form appears to be irrelevant to entities covered by the CAA and therefore will not be adopted by the Board.

Finally, the Board does not adopt Appendix D to Part 37, the section-by-section analysis of Part 37. Since the Board has only adopted portions of the Secretary's Part 37 regulations and has modified several provisions to conform to the CAA, it does not appear appropriate to include Appendix D. However, the Board notes that the section-by-section analysis may have some relevance in interpreting the sections of Part 37 that the Board has adopted without change.

k. *ADA Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles (Part 38).*—Part 38 of the Secretary's regulations contains accessibility standards for all types of transportation vehicles. Part 38 is divided into vehicle types: Subpart B, Buses, Vans, and Systems; Subpart C, Rapid Rail Vehicles and Systems; Subpart D, Light Rail Vehicles and Systems; Subpart E, Commuter Rail Cars and Systems; Subpart F, Intercity Rail Cars and Systems; Subpart G, Over-the-Road Buses and Systems; and Subpart H, Other Vehicles and Systems. Section 38.2 contains the concept of equivalent facilitation, under which an entity is permitted to request approval for an alternative method of compliance. As noted in section 5.c. of this Notice, the Board proposes that such determinations be made by the General Counsel rather than the Administrator.

The Board proposes to adopt, with minimal technical and nomenclature changes, the regulations contained in Part 38 and accompanying appendix, with the exception of the following subparts which the Board has determined implement portions of the ADA not applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA and/or the Board believe have no conceivable applicability to legislative branch operations: Subpart E, Commuter Rail Cars and Systems; and Subpart F, Intercity Rail Cars and Systems.

B. Proposed regulations

1. *General Provisions.*—The proposed regulations include a section on matters of general applicability including the purpose and scope of the regulations, definitions, coverage, and the administrative authority of the Board and the Office of Compliance.

2. *Method for Identifying Responsible Entities and Establishing Categories of Violations.*—Section 210(e)(3) of the CAA directs the Board to include in its regulations a method for identifying, for purposes of section 210 and for different categories of violations of subsection (b), the entity responsible for correction of a particular violation. In developing these proposed rules, the Board considered the final Report of the General Counsel, which applied the public services and accommodations standards of section 210 to covered entities during his initial inspections under section 210(f). *See* Disability Access Report.

In developing a method for identifying the entity responsible for a correction of a violation of section 210, the Board must consider the terms of section 210 of the CAA and the precise nature of the obligations imposed on covered entities under Titles II and III of the ADA under section 210(b). The Board cannot promulgate regulations which purport to expand or limit these obligations contrary to the language of the statute or the intent of Congress. *See, e.g., White v. I.N.S.,* 75 F.3d 213, 215 (5th Cir. 1996) (agency cannot promulgate even substantive rules that are contrary to statute; if intent of Congress is clear, agency must give effect to that unambiguously expressed intent); *Conlan v. U.S. Dep't of Labor,* 76 F.3d 271, 274 (9th Cir. 1996). As set forth below, the Board has developed a method for identifying the entity responsible for correction of a violation of section 210(b) which includes providing definitions for terms such as ''operate a place of public accommodation,'' and ''public entity'' for the purpose of section 210.

Section 210(b) applies the rights and protections of two separate and independent provisions of the ADA to covered entities:

The rights and protections of Title II of the ADA (sections 201 through 230) applied by section 210(b) of the CAA deals with ''public entities.'' It prohibits discrimination against any qualified individual with a disability by any ''public entity'' regarding all public activities, programs, and services of that entity. Title II imposes an obligation on public entities to make ''reasonable modifications to rules, policies, or practices,'' to achieve ''the removal of architectural, communication, or transportation barriers,'' and to ensure ''provision of auxiliary aids and services.'' Title II also includes provisions regarding accessibility of public transportation systems.

The rights and protections of Title III of the ADA applied by section 210(b) of the CAA (sections 302, 303, and 309) deals with ''public accommodations.'' It prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of ''any place of public accommodation.'' Specifically, such discrimination includes: (1) discriminatory eligibility criteria; (2) failure to make reasonable modifications; (3) failure to provide auxiliary aids and services; (4) failure to remove architectural barriers and communication barriers that are structural in nature where removal of such barriers are ''readily achievable''; and (5) failure to make goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations available through alternative methods where removal of barriers is not readily achievable. In contrast to Title II, Title III defines a ''place of public accommodation'' as ''private entities'' (which excludes ''public entities'' covered under Title II) falling within twelve specified categories of activities. Title III also contains requirements regarding specified transportation services.

As set forth in the ADA, Title II and Title III were designed to impose separate legal obligations (which are expressed in slightly different terms) on two separate and independent classes of actors: ''public entities'' (which have Title II obligations) and private entities that are ''places of public accommodation'' (which have Title III obligations). Under the ADA, a public entity, by definition, can never be subjected to Title III of the ADA, which covers only private entities. Conversely, private entities cannot be covered by Title II. *See, e.g.,* 28 CFR, pt. 36, App. B at 587 (section-by-section analysis of Part 36) (''Facilities operated by government agencies or other public entities as defined in this section do not qualify as places of public accommodation. The action of public entities are governed by title II of the ADA''); ADA Title III Technical Assistance Manual at p. 7 (1993).

In section 210(b) of the CAA, Congress applied the rights and protections of all of Title II and parts of Title III to specified Legislative Branch entities without making either Title's coverage mutually exclusive. Thus, in contrast to the ADA, under the CAA, a single entity could conceivably have obligations under both Title II and Title III, if it meets the criteria for coverage under both Titles.

The method developed by the Board in these regulations to identify the entity responsible for correcting a violation of section 210(b) is set forth in section 1.105 of the proposed regulations. Section 1.105 is based on the Board's interpretation of the statutory coverage for Legislative Branch entities under Title II and Title III, as applied by section 210(b).

Under the proposed rule, the entity responsible for correcting a violation of the obligations under Title II of the ADA with respect to the provision of public services, programs, or activities, as applied by section 210(b) is the entity that, with respect to the particular violation, is a covered ''public entity'' within the meaning of section 210(b) that provided the particular public service, program, or activity that forms the basis of the violation. Similarly, the entity responsible for correcting a violation of the obligations under Title III of the ADA, as applied by section 210(b) is the entity that, with respect to the particular violation, operates the ''place of public accommodation'' within the meaning of section 210(b) that forms the basis of the violation. Thus, the regulations distinguish responsible entities for Title II and Title III purposes as follows:

1. *The rights and protections of Title II (sections 201 through 203 of the ADA):* For the purpose of the rights and protections against discrimination under Title II of the ADA, the entity responsible for a violation would be any entity listed in subsection (a) of section 210 of the CAA that is a ''public entity'' as defined by section 210(b)(2) of the CAA and that provided the public service, program, or activity that formed the basis for the particular violation of Title II set forth in the charge filed with the General Counsel or the complaint filed by the General Counsel with the Office under section 210(d) of the CAA. Conversely, if the entity is not a ''public entity'' (that is, the entity provides no public services, programs, or activities) or did not provide the public service, program, or activity that formed the basis for the particular violation of Title II, the entity is not an ''entity responsible for correction of the violation'' within the meaning of these regulations.

2. *The rights and protections of Title III (sections 302, 303, and 309 of the ADA):* For the purpose of the rights and protections against discrimination under Title III of the ADA, the entity responsible for a violation would be any entity listed in subsection (a) of section 210 of the CAA that ''operates a place of public accommodation'' (as defined in these regulations) that forms in whole or in part the basis for the particular violation of Title III.

a. ''Place of public accommodation.'' As used in these regulations, the term ''place of public accommodation'' follows the definition of section 301(7) of the ADA, with appropriate modification to delete the phrase ''private'' and the requirement that the activities affect commerce. These modifications conform the definition to the CAA. *See* section 225(f) of the CAA, 2 U.S.C. §1361(f).

b. ''Operate (a place of public accommodation).'' As applied by section 210(b) of the CAA, section 302(a) of the ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by any ''[Legislative Branch entity that] owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of public accommodation.'' On its face, the terms ''owns, leases (or leases to)'' do not apply to entities within the Legislative Branch. For example, the Board is not aware of any individual covered entity that ''owns'' the buildings or facilities housing a place of public accommodation in the way that private entities do. Similarly, the Board is unaware of any situations in which an otherwise covered entity within the Legislative Branch may ''lease'' its facilities to another Legislative Branch entity. The only lease agreements of which the Board is aware would be between otherwise covered entities and persons or entities over which the CAA has no jurisdiction. For example, the General Services Administration or a private building owner may lease space to Congressional offices, but neither entity would fall within the CAA's definition of covered entity. Thus, the only issue in any case under Title III of the ADA as applied under section 210 would be whether a Legislative Branch entity ''operates'' a place of public accommodation within the meaning of the ADA.

The ADA does not define the term ''operate.'' Thus, the Board ''construe[s] it in accord with its ordinary and natural meaning.'' *Smith v. United States*, 113 S.Ct. 2050, 2054 (1993); *White v. I.N.S.*, 75 F.3d 213, 215 (5th Cir. 1996), *quoting Pioneer Investment Servs. v. Brunswick Assocs.*, 113 S.Ct. 1489, 1495 (1993) (''Congress intends the words in its enactments to carry their ordinary, contemporary, common meaning.'').

To ''operate,'' in the context of a business operation, means ''to put or keep in operation,'' The Random House College Dictionary 931 (Rev. ed. 1980), ''[t]o control or direct the functioning of,'' Webster's II: New Riverside Dictionary 823 (1988), ''[t]o conduct the affairs of; manage,'' The American Heritage Dictionary 1268 (3d ed. 1992). *Neff v. American Dairy Queen Corp.*, 58 F.3d 1063, 1066 (5th Cir. 1995), *cert. denied* 116 S.Ct. 704 (1996). *See also* Webster's New Universal Unabridged Dictionary 1253 (2d ed. 1983) (''to superintend; to manage; to direct the affairs of; as, to *operate* a mine.'').

In Neff v. American Dairy Queen Corp., supra, the Fifth Circuit considered the meaning of the term ''operate'' in the ADA in the context of franchise store operations. The plaintiff sued American Dairy Queen (''ADQ'') under Title III of the ADA, arguing that the franchise agreement between ADQ and its franchisee (R & S Dairy Queens), in which ADQ retained the right to set standards for buildings and equipment maintenance and the right to ''veto'' proposed structural changes, made it an ''operator'' of the franchisees' stores within the meaning of section 302. The Fifth Circuit rejected this argument:

''Instead, the relevant question in this case is whether ADQ, according to the terms of the franchise agreements with R & S Dairy Queens, controls modification of the San Antonio Stores to cause them to comply with the ADA. * * *

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''In sum, while the terms of the [agreement] demonstrate that ADQ retains the right to set standards for building and equipment maintenance and to ''veto'' proposed structural changes, we hold that this supervisory authority, without more, is insufficient to support a holding that ADQ ''operates,'' in the ordinary and natural meaning of that term, the [franchisee store].'' 58 F.3d at 1068. The Board finds the reasoning of the *Neff* court persuasive and adopts its application of the term ''operate'' for Title III purposes in these regulations.

Specifically, for the purposes of determining responsibility under Title III, an entity ''operates'' a place of public accommodation if it superintends, directly controls, or directs the functioning of or manages the specific aspects of the public accommodation that constitute an architectural barrier or a communication barrier that is structural in nature or that otherwise forms the basis for a violation of section 302 of the ADA, as applied by section 210(b) of the CAA. In addition, an entity ''operates'' a place of public accommodation if it assigns such superintendence, control, direction, or management to another entity or person by means of contract or other arrangement. An entity, whether or not a covered entity under these regulations, which contracts with a covered entity stands in the shoes of the covered entity for purposes of determining the application of Title III requirements. Thus, the definition of ''operate'' in these regulations ''includes operation of the place of public accommodation by a person under a contractual or other arrangement or relationship with a covered entity.''

In the absence of such a provision, it is possible that a covered entity, instead of directly controlling the inaccessible features of places of public accommodation, could contract with a private entity, which would then manage the accommodation in such a way as to maintain its inaccessible features. Allowing such self-insulation from liability would clearly conflict with the principles of the ADA as applied by section 210(b) of the CAA. The proposed definition is intended to prevent an otherwise covered entity from ''contracting out'' of its Title III obligations. Where the entity exercises no authority with respect to the modification of the specific aspects of the facilities, programs, activities, or other features of the place of public accommodation that make them inaccessible within the meaning of section 302 of the CAA, the proposed regulation states that the entity does not ''operate'' the place of public accommodation within the meaning of these regulations.

Where an entity merely maintains the general authority to set standards regarding a particular facility or condition at issue, and to ''veto'' proposed changes in the facility or condition, this oversight or supervisory authority, without more, is insufficient to support a finding that the entity ''operates'' the facility or condition within the meaning of these regulations. *See Neff*, 58 F.3d at 1068. Conversely, if the correction of a violation of section 210 of the CAA, including the modification of the facility or condition at issue, can only be accomplished with the active approval or permission of a particular entity, then that entity ''operates'' the facility or condition and is otherwise a responsible entity under this section of the regulations, but only to the extent that the entity withholds such approval or permission.

3. *Future changes in the text of regulations of the Attorney General and the Secretary which have been adopted by the Board.*—The Board proposes that the section 210 regulations adopt the text of the referenced portions of parts the regulations of the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation in effect as of the effective date of these regulations. The Board takes notice that the Attorney General and the Secretary have in recent years made frequent changes, both technical and nontechnical, to their Title II and Title III regulations and to the ADAAG standards incorporated by reference therein. The Board interprets the incorporation by reference in the text of the adopted Title II and Title III regulations of documents (such as the ADAAG standards at appendix A to Part 36) to include any future changes to such documents. As the Office receives notice of such changes by the Attorney General or the Secretary, it will advise covered entities and employees as part of its education and information activities. As to changes in the text of the adopted regulations themselves, however, the Board finds that, under the CAA statutory scheme, additional Board rulemaking under section 210(e) will be required. The Board believes that it should afford covered Legislative Branch entities and employees potentially affected by adoption of such changes the opportunity to comment on the propriety of Board adoption of any such changes, and that the Congress should have the opportunity to specifically approve such adoption by the Board. The Board specifically invites comments on this proposal.

4. *Technical and nomenclature changes.*—The proposed regulations make technical and nomenclature changes, where appropriate, to conform to the provisions of the CAA.

Recommended method of approval: The Board recommends that (1) the version of the proposed regulations that shall apply to the Senate and entities and facilities of the Senate be approved by the Senate by resolution; (2) the version of the proposed regulations that shall apply to the House of Representatives and entities and facilities of the House of Representatives be approved by the House of Representatives by resolution; and (3) the version of the proposed regulations that shall apply to other covered entities and facilities be approved by the Congress by concurrent resolution. Signed at Washington, D.C., on this 18th day of September, 1996.

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Chair of the Board, Office of Compliance.

APPLICATION OF RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS (SECTION 210 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995)

Part 1—Matters of General Applicability to All Regulations Promulgated Under Section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995

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§1.101 Purpose and scope.

(a) *Section 210 of the CAA.* Enacted into law on January 23, 1995, the Congressional Accountability Act (''CAA'') directly applies the rights and protections of eleven federal labor and employment law and public access statutes to covered employees and employing offices within the legislative branch. Section 210(b) of the CAA provides that the rights and protections against discrimination in the provision of public services and accommodations established by the provisions of Title II and III (sections 201 through 230, 302, 303, and 309) of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§12131–12150, 12182, 12183, and 12189 (''ADA'') shall apply to the following entities:

(1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee;

(2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee;

(3) each joint committee of the Congress;

(4) the Capitol Guide Service;

(5) the Capitol Police;

(6) the Congressional Budget Office;

(7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden);

(8) the Office of the Attending Physician and

(9) the Office of Compliance.

2 U.S.C. §1331(b). Title II of the ADA generally prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of public services, programs, activities by any ''public entity.'' Section 210(b)(2) of the CAA provides that for the purpose of applying Title II of the ADA the term ''public entity'' means any entity listed above that provides public services, programs, or activities. Title III of the ADA generally prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public accommodations and requires places of public accommodation and commercial facilities to be designed, constructed, and altered in compliance with accessibility standards. Section 225(f) of the CAA provides that, ''[e]xcept where inconsistent with definitions and exemptions provided in this Act, the definitions and exemptions of the [ADA] shall apply under this Act.'' 2 U.S.C. §1361(f)(1).

Section 210(f) of the CAA requires that the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance on a regular basis, and at least once each Congress, conduct periodic inspections of all covered facilities and to report to Congress on compliance with disability access standards under section 210. 2 U.S.C. §1331(f).

(b) *Purpose and scope of regulations.* The regulations set forth herein (Parts 1, 35, 36, 37, and 38) are the substantive regulations that the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance has promulgated pursuant to section 210(e) of the CAA. Part 1 contains the general provisions applicable to all regulations under section 210, including the method of identifying entities responsible for correcting a violation of section 210. Part 35 contains the provisions regarding nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of public services, programs, or activities of covered entities. Part 36 contains the provisions regarding nondiscrimination on the basis of disability by public accommodations. Part 37 contains the provisions regarding transportation services for individuals with disabilities. Part 38 contains the provisions regarding accessibility specifications for transportation vehicles.

§1.102 Definitions.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in these regulations, as used in these regulations:

(a) *Act* or *CAA* means the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–1, 109 Stat. 3, 2 U.S.C. §§1301–1438).

(b) *ADA* means the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §§12131–12150, 12182, 12183, and 12189) as applied to covered entities by Section 210 of the CAA.

(c) The term *covered entity* includes any of the following entities that either provides public services, programs, or activities, and/or that operates a place of public accommodation within the meaning of section 210 of the CAA: (1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee; (2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee; (3) each joint committee of the Congress; (4) the Capitol Guide Service; (5) the Capitol Police; (6) the Congressional Budget Office; (7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden); (8) the Office of the Attending Physician; and (9) the Office of Compliance.

(d) *Board* means the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance.

(e) *Office* means the Office of Compliance.

(f) *General Counsel* means the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance.

§1.103 Notice of protection.

Pursuant to section 301(h) of the CAA, the Office shall prepare, in a manner suitable for posting, a notice explaining the provisions of section 210 of the CAA. Copies of such notice may be obtained from the Office of Compliance.

§1.104 Authority of the Board.

Pursuant to sections 210 and 304 of the CAA, the Board is authorized to issue regulations to implement the rights and protections against discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of public services and accommodations under the ADA. Section 210(e) of the CAA directs the Board to promulgate regulations implementing section 210 that are ''the same as substantive regulations promulgated by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (b) except to the extent that the Board may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section.'' 2 U.S.C. §1331(e). The regulations issued by the Board herein are on all matters for which section 210 of the CAA requires a regulation to be issued. Specifically, it is the Board's considered judgment, based on the information available to it at the time of promulgation of these regulations, that, with the exception of the regulations adopted and set forth herein, there are no other ''substantive regulations promulgated by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (b) [of section 210 of the CAA]'' that need be adopted.

In promulgating these regulations, the Board has made certain technical and nomenclature changes to the regulations as promulgated by the Attorney General and the Secretary. Such changes are intended to make the provisions adopted accord more naturally to situations in the Legislative Branch. However, by making these changes, the Board does not intend a substantive difference between these regulations and those of the Attorney General and/or the Secretary from which they are derived. Moreover, such changes, in and of themselves, are not intended to constitute an interpretation of the regulations or of the statutory provisions of the CAA upon which they are based.

§1.105 Method for identifying the entity responsible for correction of violations of section 210.

(a) *Purpose and scope.* Section 210(e)(3) of the CAA provides that regulations under section 210(e) include a method of identifying, for purposes of this section and for categories of violations of section 210(b), the entity responsible for correcting a particular violation. This section 1.105 sets forth the method for identifying responsible entities for the purpose of allocating responsibility for correcting violations of section 210(b).

(b) *Categories of violations.* Violations of the rights and protections established in section 210(b) of the CAA that may form the basis for a charge filed with the General Counsel under section 210(d)(1) of the CAA or for a complaint filed by the General Counsel under section 210(d)(3) of the CAA fall into one (or both) of two categories:

(i) *Title II violations.* A covered entity may violate section 210(b) if it discriminates against a qualified individual with a disability within the meaning of Title II of the ADA (sections 210 through 230), as applied to Legislative Branch entities under section 210(b) of the CAA.

(ii) *Title III violations.* A covered entity may also violate section 210(b) if it discriminates against a qualified individual with a disability within the meaning of Title III of the ADA (sections 302, 303, and 309), as applied to Legislative Branch entities under section 210(b) of the CAA.

(c) *Entity Responsible for Correcting a Violation of Title II Rights and Protections.* Correction of a violation of the rights and protections against discrimination under Title II of the ADA, as applied by section 210(b) of the CAA, is the responsibility of any entity listed in subsection (a) of section 210 of the CAA that is a ''public entity,'' as defined by section 210(b)(2) of the CAA, and that provides the specific public service, program, or activity that forms the basis for the particular violation of Title II rights and protections set forth in the charge of discrimination filed with the General Counsel under section 210(d)(1) of the CAA or the complaint filed by the General Counsel with the Office under

section 210(d)(3) of the CAA. As used in this section, an entity provides a public service, program, or activity if it does so itself, or by a person or other entity (whether public or private and regardless of whether that entity is covered under the CAA) under a contractual or other arrangement or relationship with the entity.

(d) *Entity Responsible for Correction of Title III Rights and Protections.* Correction of a violation of the rights and protections against discrimination under Title III of the ADA, as applied by section 210(b) of the CAA, is the responsibility of any entity listed in subsection (a) of section 210 of the CAA that ''operates a place of public accommodation'' (as defined in this section) that forms the basis, in whole or in part, for the particular violation of Title III rights and protections set forth in the charge filed with the General Counsel under section 210(d)(1) of the CAA and/or the complaint filed by the General Counsel with the Office under section 210(d)(3) of the CAA.

(i) Definitions.

As used in this section:

Public accommodation has the meaning set forth in Part 36 of these regulations.

Operates, with respect to the operations of a place of public accommodation, includes the superintendence, control, management, or direction of the function of the aspects of the public accommodation that constitute an architectural barrier or communication barrier that is structural in nature, or that otherwise forms the basis for a violation of the rights and protections of Title III of the ADA as applied under section 210(b) of the CAA.

(ii) As used in this section, an entity operates a place of public accommodation if it does so itself, or by a person or other entity (whether public or private and regardless of whether that entity is covered under the CAA) under a contractual or other arrangement or relationship with the entity.

(e) *Allocation of Responsibility for Correction of Title II and/or Title III Violations.* Where more than one entity is deemed an entity responsible for correction of a violation of Title II and/or Title III rights and protections under the method set forth in this section, as between those parties, allocation of responsibility for complying with the obligations of Title II and/or Title III of the ADA as applied by section 210(b), and for correction of violations thereunder, may be determined by contract or other enforceable arrangement or relationship.

Part 35—Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Public Services, Programs, or Activities

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SUBPART A—GENERAL

§35.101 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to effectuate section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*) which, *inter alia,* applies the rights and protections of subtitle A of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131-12150), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities.

§35.102 Application.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, this part applies to all public services, programs, and activities provided or made available by public entities as defined by section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995.

(b) To the extent that public transportation services, programs, and activities of public entities are covered by subtitle B of title II of the ADA, as applied by section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act, they are not subject to the requirements of this part.

§35.103 Relationship to other laws.

(a) *Rule of interpretation.* Except as otherwise provided in this part, this part shall not be construed to apply a lesser standard than the standards applied under title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 791) or the regulations issued by Federal agencies pursuant to that title.

(b) *Other laws.* This part does not invalidate or limit the remedies, rights, and procedures of any other Federal laws otherwise applicable to covered entities that provide greater or equal protection for the rights of individuals with disabilities or individuals associated with them.

§35.104 Definitions.

For purposes of this part, the term—

Act or *CAA* means the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–1, 109 Stat. 3, 2 U.S.C. §§1301-1438).

ADA means the Americans with Disabilities Act (Pub. L. 101–336, 104 Stat. 327, 42 U.S.C. 12101–12213 and 47 U.S.C. 225 and 611), as applied to covered entities by section 210 of the CAA.

Auxiliary aids and services includes—

(1) Qualified interpreters, notetakers, transcription services, written materials, telephone handset amplifiers, assistive listening devices, assistive listening systems, telephones compatible with hearing aids, closed caption decoders, open and closed captioning, text telephones (TTY's), videotext displays, or other effective methods of making aurally delivered materials available to individuals with hearing impairments;

(2) Qualified readers, taped texts, audio recordings, Brailled materials, large print materials, or other effective methods of making visually delivered materials available to individuals with visual impairments;

(3) Acquisition or modification of equipment or devices; and

(4) Other similar services and actions.

Board means the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance.

Current illegal use of drugs means illegal use of drugs that occurred recently enough to justify a reasonable belief that a person's drug use is current or that continuing use is a real and ongoing problem.

Disability means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual; a record of such an impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment.

(1)(i) The phrase *physical or mental impairment* means—

(A) Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: Neurological, musculoskeletal, special sense organs, respiratory (including speech organs), cardiovascular, reproductive, digestive, genitourinary, hemic and lymphatic, skin, and endocrine;

(B) Any mental or psychological disorder such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities.

(ii) The phrase *physical or mental impairment* includes, but is not limited to, such contagious and noncontagious diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, mental retardation, emotional illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease (whether symptomatic or asymptomatic), tuberculosis, drug addiction, and alcoholism.

(iii) The phrase *physical or mental impairment* does not include homosexuality or bisexuality.

(2) The phrase *major life activities* means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

(3) The phrase *has a record of such an impairment* means has a history of, or has been misclassified as having, a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

(4) The phrase *is regarded as having an impairment means*—

(i) Has a physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities but that is treated by a public entity as constituting such a limitation;

(ii) Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such impairment; or

(iii) Has none of the impairments defined in paragraph (1) of this definition but is treated by a public entity as having such an impairment.

(5) The term *disability* does not include—

(i) Transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments, or other sexual behavior disorders;

(ii) Compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania; or

(iii) Psychoactive substance use disorders resulting from current illegal use of drugs.

Drug means a controlled substance, as defined in schedules I through V of section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812).

Facility means all or any portion of buildings, structures, sites, complexes, equipment, rolling stock or other conveyances, roads, walks, passageways, parking lots, or other real or personal property, including the site where the building, property, structure, or equipment is located.

General Counsel means the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance.

Historic preservation programs means programs conducted by a public entity that have preservation of historic properties as a primary purpose.

Historic properties means those properties that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or properties designated as historic under State or local law.

Illegal use of drugs means the use of one or more drugs, the possession or distribution of which is unlawful under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812). The term *illegal use of drugs* does not include the use of a drug taken under supervision by a licensed health care professional, or other uses authorized by the Controlled Substances Act or other provisions of Federal law.

Individual with a disability means a person who has a disability. The term *individual with a disability* does not include an individual who is currently engaging in the illegal use of drugs, when the public entity acts on the basis of such use.

Public entity means any of the following entities that provides public services, programs, or activities:

(1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee;

(2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee;

(3) each joint committee of the Congress;

(4) the Capitol Guide Service;

(5) the Capitol Police;

(6) the Congressional Budget Office;

(7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden);

(8) the Office of the Attending Physician; and

(9) the Office of Compliance.

Qualified individual with a disability means an individual with a disability who, with or without reasonable modifications to rules, policies, or practices, the removal of architectural, communication, or transportation barriers, or the provision of auxiliary aids and services, meets the essential eligibility requirements for the receipt of services or the participation in programs or activities provided by a public entity.

Qualified interpreter means an interpreter who is able to interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary.

Section 504 means section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112, 87 Stat. 394 (29 U.S.C. 794)), as amended.

§35.105 Self-evaluation.

(a) A public entity shall, within one year of the effective date of this part, evaluate its current services, policies, and practices, and the effects thereof, that do not or may not meet the requirements of this part and, to the extent modification of any such services, policies, and practices is required, the public entity shall proceed to make the necessary modifications.

(b) A public entity shall provide an opportunity to interested persons, including individuals with disabilities or organizations representing individuals with disabilities, to participate in the self-evaluation process by submitting comments.

(c) A public entity that employs 50 or more persons shall, for at least three years following completion of the self-evaluation, maintain on file and make available for public inspection:

(1) A list of the interested persons consulted;

(2) A description of areas examined and any problems identified; and

(3) A description of any modifications made.

§35.106 Notice.

A public entity shall make available to applicants, participants, beneficiaries, and other interested persons information regarding the provisions of this part and its applicability to the public services, programs, or activities of the public entity, and make such information available to them in such manner as the head of the entity finds necessary to apprise such persons of the protections against discrimination assured them by the CAA and this part.

§35.107 Designation of responsible employee and adoption of grievance procedures.

(a) *Designation of responsible employee.* A public entity that employs 50 or more persons shall designate at least one employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under this part, including any investigation of any complaint communicated to it alleging its noncompliance with this part or alleging any actions that would be prohibited by this part. The public entity shall make available to all interested individuals the name, office address, and telephone number of the employee or employees designated pursuant to this paragraph.

(b) *Complaint procedure.* A public entity that employs 50 or more persons shall adopt and publish grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action that would be prohibited by this part.

§§35.108–35.129 [Reserved]

SUBPART B—GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

§35.130 General prohibitions against discrimination.

(a) No qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the public services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any public entity.

(b)(1) A public entity, in providing any public aid, benefit, or service, may not, directly or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements, on the basis of disability—

(i) Deny a qualified individual with a disability the opportunity to participate in or benefit from the public aid, benefit, or service;

(ii) Afford a qualified individual with a disability an opportunity to participate in or benefit from the public aid, benefit, or service that is not equal to that afforded others;

(iii) Provide a qualified individual with a disability with a public aid, benefit, or service that is not as effective in affording equal opportunity to obtain the same result, to gain the same benefit, or to reach the same level of achievement as that provided to others;

(iv) Provide different or separate public aids, benefits, or services to individuals with disabilities or to any class of individuals with disabilities than is provided to others unless such action is necessary to provide qualified individuals with disabilities with public aids, benefits, or services that are as effective as those provided to others;

(v) Aid or perpetuate discrimination against a qualified individual with a disability by providing significant assistance to an agency, organization, or person that discriminates on the basis of disability in providing any public aid, benefit, or service to beneficiaries of the public entity's program;

(vi) Deny a qualified individual with a disability the opportunity to participate as a member of planning or advisory boards;

(vii) Otherwise limit a qualified individual with a disability in the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity enjoyed by others receiving the public aid, benefit, or service.

(2) A public entity may not deny a qualified individual with a disability the opportunity to participate in public services, programs, or activities that are not separate or different, despite the existence of permissibly separate or different programs or activities.

(3) A public entity may not, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, utilize criteria or methods of administration:

(i) That have the effect of subjecting qualified individuals with disabilities to discrimination on the basis of disability;

(ii) That have the purpose or effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the public entity's public program with respect to individuals with disabilities; or

(iii) That perpetuate the discrimination of another public entity if both public entities are subject to common administrative control.

(4) A public entity may not, in determining the site or location of a facility, make selections—

(i) That have the effect of excluding individuals with disabilities from, denying them the public benefits of, or otherwise subjecting them to discrimination; or

(ii) That have the purpose or effect of defeating or substantially impairing the accomplishment of the objectives of the public service, program, or activity with respect to individuals with disabilities.

(5) A public entity, in the selection of procurement contractors, may not use criteria that subject qualified individuals with disabilities to discrimination on the basis of disability.

(6) A public entity may not administer a licensing or certification program in a manner that subjects qualified individuals with disabilities to discrimination on the basis of disability, nor may a public entity establish requirements for the public programs or activities of licensees or certified entities that subject qualified individuals with disabilities to discrimination on the basis of disability. The public programs or activities of entities that are licensed or certified by a public entity are not, themselves, covered by this part.

(7) A public entity shall make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures when the modifications are necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability, unless the public entity can demonstrate that making the modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of the public service, program, or activity.

(8) A public entity shall not impose or apply eligibility criteria that screen out or tend to screen out an individual with a disability or any class of individuals with disabilities from fully and equally enjoying any public service, program, or activity, unless such criteria can be shown to be necessary for the provision of the public service, program, or activity being offered.

(c) Nothing in this part prohibits a public entity from providing public benefits, services, or advantages to individuals with disabilities, or to a particular class of individuals with disabilities beyond those required by this part.

(d) A public entity shall administer public services, programs, and activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualified individuals with disabilities.

(e)(1) Nothing in this part shall be construed to require an individual with a disability to accept an accommodation, aid, service, opportunity, or benefit provided under the CAA or this part which such individual chooses not to accept.

(2) Nothing in the CAA or this part authorizes the representative or guardian of an individual with a disability to decline food,

water, medical treatment, or medical services for that individual.

(f) A public entity may not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the costs of measures, such as the provision of auxiliary aids or program accessibility, that are required to provide that individual or group with the nondiscriminatory treatment required by the CAA or this part.

(g) A public entity shall not exclude or otherwise deny equal public services, programs, or activities to an individual or entity because of the known disability of an individual with whom the individual or entity is known to have a relationship or association.

§35.131 Illegal use of drugs.

(a) *General.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, this part does not prohibit discrimination against an individual based on that individual's current illegal use of drugs.

(2) A public entity shall not discriminate on the basis of illegal use of drugs against an individual who is not engaging in current illegal use of drugs and who—

(i) Has successfully completed a supervised drug rehabilitation program or has otherwise been rehabilitated successfully;

(ii) Is participating in a supervised rehabilitation program; or

(iii) Is erroneously regarded as engaging in such use.

(b) *Health and drug rehabilitation services.* (1) A public entity shall not deny public health services, or public services provided in connection with drug rehabilitation, to an individual on the basis of that individual's current illegal use of drugs, if the individual is otherwise entitled to such services.

(2) A drug rehabilitation or treatment program may deny participation to individuals who engage in illegal use of drugs while they are in the program.

(c) *Drug testing.* (1) This part does not prohibit a public entity from adopting or administering reasonable policies or procedures, including but not limited to drug testing, designed to ensure that an individual who formerly engaged in the illegal use of drugs is not now engaging in current illegal use of drugs.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (c) of this section shall be construed to encourage, prohibit, restrict, or authorize the conduct of testing for the illegal use of drugs.

§35.132 Smoking.

This part does not preclude the prohibition of, or the imposition of restrictions on, smoking in transportation covered by this part.

§35.133 Maintenance of accessible features.

(a) A public entity shall maintain in operable working condition those features of facilities and equipment that are required to be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities by the CAA or this part.

(b) This section does not prohibit isolated or temporary interruptions in service or access due to maintenance or repairs.

§35.134 [Reserved]

§35.135 Personal devices and services.

This part does not require a public entity to provide to individuals with disabilities personal devices, such as wheelchairs; individually prescribed devices, such as prescription eyeglasses or hearing aids; readers for personal use or study; or services of a personal nature including assistance in eating, toileting, or dressing.

§§35.136–35.139 [Reserved]

SUBPART C—EMPLOYMENT

§35.140 Employment discrimination prohibited.

(a) No qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be subjected to discrimination in employment under any service, program, or activity conducted by a public entity.

(b)(1) For purposes of this part, the requirements of title I of the Americans With Disabilities Act (''ADA''), as established by the regulations of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in 29 CFR part 1630, apply to employment in any service, program, or activity conducted by a public entity if that public entity is also subject to the jurisdiction of title I of the ADA, as applied by section 201 of the CAA.

(2) For the purposes of this part, the requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as established by the regulations of the Department of Justice in 28 CFR part 41, as those requirements pertain to employment, apply to employment in any service, program, or activity conducted by a public entity if that public entity is not also subject to the jurisdiction of title I of the ADA, as applied by section 201 of the CAA.

(c) Notwithstanding anything contained in this subpart, with respect to any claim of employment discrimination asserted by any covered employee, the exclusive remedy shall be under section 201 of the CAA.

§§35.141–35.148 [Reserved]

SUBPART D—PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY

§35.149 Discrimination prohibited.

Except as otherwise provided in §35.150, no qualified individual with a disability shall, because a public entity's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by individuals with disabilities, be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of the public services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any public entity.

§35.150 Existing facilities.

(a) *General.* A public entity shall operate each public service, program, or activity so that the public service, program, or activity, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. This paragraph does not—

(1) Necessarily require a public entity to make each of its existing facilities accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities;

(2) Require a public entity to take any action that would threaten or destroy the historic significance of an historic property; or

(3) Require a public entity to take any action that it can demonstrate would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a public service, program, or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens. In those circumstances where personnel of the public entity believe that the proposed action would fundamentally alter the public service, program, or activity or would result in undue financial and administrative burdens, a public entity has the burden of proving that compliance with §35.150(a) of this part would result in such alteration or burdens. The decision that compliance would result in such alteration or burdens must be made by the head of a public entity or his or her designee after considering all resources available for use in the funding and operation of the service, program, or activity, and must be accompanied by a written statement of the reasons for reaching that conclusion. If an action would result in such an alteration or such burdens, a public entity shall take any other action that would not result in such an alteration or such burdens but would nevertheless ensure that individuals with disabilities receive the public benefits or services provided by the public entity.

(b) *Methods*—(1) *General.* A public entity may comply with the requirements of this section through such means as redesign of equipment, reassignment of services to accessible buildings, assignment of aides to beneficiaries, home visits, delivery of services at alternate accessible sites, alteration of existing facilities and construction of new facilities, use of accessible rolling stock or other conveyances, or any other methods that result in making its public services, programs, or activities readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. A public entity is not required to make structural changes in existing facilities where other methods are effective in achieving compliance with this section. A public entity, in making alterations to existing buildings, shall meet the accessibility requirements of §35.151. In choosing among available methods for meeting the requirements of this section, a public entity shall give priority to those methods that offer public services, programs, and activities to qualified individuals with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate.

(2) *Historic preservation programs.* In meeting the requirements of §35.150(a) in historic preservation programs, a public entity shall give priority to methods that provide physical access to individuals with disabilities. In cases where a physical alteration to an historic property is not required because of paragraph (a)(2) or (a)(3) of this section, alternative methods of achieving program accessibility include—

(i) Using audio-visual materials and devices to depict those portions of an historic property that cannot otherwise be made accessible;

(ii) Assigning persons to guide individuals with handicaps into or through portions of historic properties that cannot otherwise be made accessible; or

(iii) Adopting other innovative methods.

(c) *Time period for compliance.* Where structural changes in facilities are undertaken to comply with the obligations established under this section, such changes shall be made by within three years of January 1, 1997, but in any event as expeditiously as possible.

(d) *Transition plan.* (1) In the event that structural changes to facilities will be undertaken to achieve program accessibility, a public entity that employs 50 or more persons shall develop, within six months of January 1, 1997, a transition plan setting forth the steps necessary to complete such changes. A public entity shall provide an opportunity to interested persons, including individuals with disabilities or organizations representing individuals with disabilities, to participate in the development of the transition plan by submitting comments. A copy of the transition plan shall be made available for public inspection.

(2) If a public entity has responsibility or authority over streets, roads, or walkways, its transition plan shall include a schedule for providing curb ramps or other sloped areas where pedestrian walks cross curbs, giving priority to walkways serving entities covered by the CAA, including covered offices and facilities, transportation, places of public accommodation, and employers, followed by walkways serving other areas.

(3) The plan shall, at a minimum—

(i) Identify physical obstacles in the public entity's facilities that limit the accessibility of its public programs or activities to individuals with disabilities;

(ii) Describe in detail the methods that will be used to make the facilities accessible;

(iii) Specify the schedule for taking the steps necessary to achieve compliance with this section and, if the time period of the transition plan is longer than one year, identify steps that will be taken during each year of the transition period; and

(iv) Indicate the official responsible for implementation of the plan.

§35.151 New construction and alterations.

(a) *Design and construction.* Each facility or part of a facility constructed by, on behalf of, or for the use of a public entity shall be designed and constructed in such manner that the facility or part of the facility is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, if the construction was commenced after January 1, 1997.

(b) *Alteration.* Each facility or part of a facility altered by, on behalf of, or for the use of a public entity in a manner that affects or could affect the usability of the facility or part of the facility shall, to the maximum extent feasible, be altered in such manner that the altered portion of the facility is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, if the alteration was commenced after January 1, 1997.

(c) *Accessibility standards.* Design, construction, or alteration of facilities in conformance with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) (Appendix B to Part 36 of these regulations) or with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities (ADAAG) (Appendix A to Part 36 of these regulations) shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of this section with respect to those facilities, except that the elevator exemption contained at 4.1.3(5) and 4.1.6(1)(j) of ADAAG shall not apply. Departures from particular requirements of either standard by the use of other methods shall be permitted when it is clearly evident that equivalent access to the facility or part of the facility is thereby provided.

(d) *Alterations: Historic properties.* (1) Alterations to historic properties shall comply, to the maximum extent feasible, with section 4.1.7 of UFAS or section 4.1.7 of ADAAG.

(2) If it is not feasible to provide physical access to an historic property in a manner that will not threaten or destroy the historic significance of the building or facility, alternative methods of access shall be provided pursuant to the requirements of §35.150.

(e) *Curb ramps.* (1) Newly constructed or altered streets, roads, and highways must contain curb ramps or other sloped areas at any intersection having curbs or other barriers to entry from a street level pedestrian walkway.

(2) Newly constructed or altered street level pedestrian walkways must contain curb ramps or other sloped areas at intersections to streets, roads, or highways.

§§35.152–35.159 [Reserved]

SUBPART E—COMMUNICATIONS

§35.160 General.

(a) A public entity shall take appropriate steps to ensure that communications with applicants, participants, and members of the public with disabilities are as effective as communications with others.

(b)(1) A public entity shall furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services where necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in, and enjoy the benefits of, a public service, program, or activity conducted by a public entity.

(2) In determining what type of auxiliary aid and service is necessary, a public entity shall give primary consideration to the requests of the individual with disabilities.

§35.161 Text telephones (TTY's).

Where a public entity communicates by telephone with applicants and beneficiaries, TTY's or equally effective telecommunication systems shall be used to communicate with individuals with impaired hearing or speech.

§35.162 Telephone emergency services.

Telephone emergency services, including 911 services, shall provide direct access to individuals who use TTY's and computer modems.

§35.163 Information and signage.

(a) A public entity shall ensure that interested persons, including persons with impaired vision or hearing, can obtain information as to the existence and location of accessible public services, activities, and facilities.

(b) A public entity shall provide signage at all inaccessible entrances to each of its public facilities, directing users to an accessible entrance or to a location at which they can obtain information about accessible public facilities. The international symbol for accessibility shall be used at each accessible entrance of a public facility.

§35.164 Duties.

This subpart does not require a public entity to take any action that it can demonstrate would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a public service, program, or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens. In those circumstances where personnel of the public entity believe that the proposed action would fundamentally alter the public service, program, or activity or would result in undue financial and administrative burdens, a public entity has the burden of proving that compliance with this subpart would result in such alteration or burdens. The decision that compliance would result in such alteration or burdens must be made by the head of the public entity or his or her designee after considering all resources available for use in the funding and operation of the public service, program, or activity and must be accompanied by a written statement of the reasons for reaching that conclusion. If an action required to comply with this subpart would result in such an alteration or such burdens, a public entity shall take any other action that would not result in such an alteration or such burdens but would nevertheless ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, individuals with disabilities receive the public benefits or services provided by the public entity.

§§35.165–35.169 [Reserved]
§§35.170–35.999 [Reserved]

Part 36—Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations

Subpart A—General

Subpart B—General Requirements

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Subpart D—New Construction and Alterations

SUBPART A—GENERAL

§36.101 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to implement section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.) which, *inter alia,* applies the rights and protections of sections of title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12181), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public accommodations and requires places of public accommodation to be designed, constructed, and altered in compliance with the accessibility standards established by this part.

§36.102 Application.

(a) *General.* This part applies to any—

(1) Public accommodation; or

(2) covered entity that offers examinations or courses related to applications, licensing, certification, or credentialing for secondary or postsecondary education, professional, or trade purposes.

(b) *Public accommodations.* (1) The requirements of this part applicable to public accommodations are set forth in subparts B, C, and D of this part.

(2) The requirements of subparts B and C of this part obligate a public accommodation only with respect to the operations of a place of public accommodation.

(3) The requirements of subpart D of this part obligate a public accommodation only with respect to a facility used as, or designed or constructed for use as, a place of public accommodation.

(c) *Examinations and courses.* The requirements of this part applicable to covered entities that offer examinations or courses as specified in paragraph (a) of this section are set forth in §36.309.

§36.103 Relationship to other laws.

(a) *Rule of interpretation.* Except as otherwise provided in this part, this part shall not be construed to apply a lesser standard than the standards applied under title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 791) or the regulations issued by Federal agencies pursuant to that title.

(b) *Other laws.* This part does not invalidate or limit the remedies, rights, and procedures of any other Federal laws otherwise applicable to covered entities that provide greater or equal protection for the rights of individuals with disabilities or individuals associated with them.

§36.104 Definitions.

For purposes of this part, the term—

Act or *CAA* means the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-1, 109 Stat. 3, 2 U.S.C. §§1301-1438).

ADA means the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101–336, l04 Stat. 327, 42 U.S.C. 12101–12213 and 47 U.S.C. 225 and

611), as applied to covered entities by section 210 of the CAA.

Covered entity means any entity listed in section 210(a) of the CAA that operates a place of public accommodation.

Current illegal use of drugs means illegal use of drugs that occurred recently enough to justify a reasonable belief that a person's drug use is current or that continuing use is a real and ongoing problem.

Disability means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual; a record of such an impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment.

(1) The phrase *physical or mental impairment* means

(i) Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs; respiratory, including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive; digestive; genitourinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin; and endocrine;

(ii) Any mental or psychological disorder such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities;

(iii) The phrase *physical or mental impairment* includes, but is not limited to, such contagious and noncontagious diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, mental retardation, emotional illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease (whether symptomatic or asymptomatic), tuberculosis, drug addiction, and alcoholism;

(iv) The phrase *physical or mental impairment* does not include homosexuality or bisexuality.

(2) The phrase *major life activities* means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

(3) The phrase *has a record of such an impairment* means has a history of, or as been misclassified as having, a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

(4) The phrase is *regarded as having an impairment* means—

(i) Has a physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities but that is treated by a covered entity as constituting such a limitation;

(ii) Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such impairment; or

(iii) Has none of the impairments defined in paragraph (1) of this definition but is treated by a covered entity as having such an impairment.

(5) The term *disability* does not include—

(i) Transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments, or other sexual behavior disorders;

(ii) Compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania; or

(iii) Psychoactive substance use disorders resulting from current illegal use of drugs.

Drug means a controlled substance, as defined in schedules I through V of section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812).

Facility means all or any portion of buildings, structures, sites, complexes, equipment, rolling stock or other conveyances, roads, walks, passageways, parking lots, or other real or personal property, including the site where the building, property, structure, or equipment is located.

Illegal use of drugs means the use of one or more drugs, the possession or distribution of which is unlawful under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812). The term ''illegal use of drugs'' does not include the use of a drug taken under supervision by a licensed health care professional, or other uses authorized by the Controlled Substances Act or other provisions of Federal law.

Individual with a disability means a person who has a disability. The term ''individual with a disability'' does not include an individual who is currently engaging in the illegal use of drugs, when the covered entity acts on the basis of such use.

Place of public accommodation means a facility, operated by a covered entity, whose operations fall within at least one of the following categories—

(1) An inn, hotel, motel, or other place of lodging, except for an establishment located within a building that contains not more than five rooms for rent or hire and that is actually occupied by the proprietor of the establishment as the residence of the proprietor;

(2) A restaurant, bar, or other establishment serving food or drink;

(3) A motion picture house, theater, concert hall, stadium, or other place of exhibition or entertainment;

(4) An auditorium, convention center, lecture hall, or other place of public gathering;

(5) A bakery, grocery store, clothing store, hardware store, shopping center, or other sales or rental establishment;

(6) A laundromat, dry-cleaner, bank, barber shop, beauty shop, travel service, shoe repair service, funeral parlor, gas station, office of an accountant or lawyer, pharmacy, insurance office, professional office of a health care provider, hospital, or other service establishment;

(7) A terminal, depot, or other station used for specified public transportation;

(8) A museum, library, gallery, or other place of public display or collection;

(9) A park, zoo, amusement park, or other place of recreation;

(10) A nursery, elementary, secondary, undergraduate, or postgraduate covered school, or other place of education;

(11) A day care center, senior citizen center, homeless shelter, food bank, adoption agency, or other social service center establishment; and

(12) A gymnasium, health spa, bowling alley, golf course, or other place of exercise or recreation.

Public accommodation means a covered entity that operates a place of public accommodation.

Public entity means any of the following entities that provides public services, programs, or activities:

(1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee;

(2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee;

(3) each joint committee of the Congress;

(4) the Capitol Guide Service;

(5) the Capitol Police;

(6) the Congressional Budget Office;

(7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden);

(8) the Office of the Attending Physician; and

(9) the Office of Compliance.

Qualified interpreter means an interpreter who is able to interpret effectively, accurately and impartially both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary.

Readily achievable means easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense. In determining whether an action is readily achievable factors to be considered include—

(1) The nature and cost of the action needed under this part;

(2) The overall financial resources of the site or sites involved in the action; the number of persons employed at the site; the effect on expenses and resources; legitimate safety requirements that are necessary for safe operation, including crime prevention measures; or the impact otherwise of the action upon the operation of the site;

(3) The geographic separateness, and the administrative or fiscal relationship of the site or sites in question to any parent entity;

(4) If applicable, the overall financial resources of any parent entity; the overall size of the parent entity with respect to the number of its employees; the number, type, and location of its facilities; and

(5) If applicable, the type of operation or operations of any parent entity, including the composition, structure, and functions of the workforce of the parent entity.

Service animal means any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

Specified public transportation means transportation by bus, rail, or any other conveyance (other than by aircraft) that provides the general public with general or special service (including charter service) on a regular and continuing basis.

Undue burden means significant difficulty or expense. In determining whether an action would result in an undue burden, factors to be considered include—

(1) The nature and cost of the action needed under this part;

(2) The overall financial resources of the site or sites involved in the action; the number of persons employed at the site; the effect on expenses and resources; legitimate safety requirements that are necessary for safe operation, including crime prevention measures; or the impact otherwise of the action upon the operation of the site;

(3) The geographic separateness, and the administrative or fiscal relationship of the site or sites in question to any parent entity;

(4) If applicable, the overall financial resources of any parent entity; the overall size of the parent entity with respect to the number of its employees; the number, type, and location of its facilities; and

(5) If applicable, the type of operation or operations of any parent entity, including the composition, structure, and functions of the workforce of the parent entity.

SUBPART B—GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

§36.201 General.

Prohibition of discrimination. No individual shall be discriminated against on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of any place of public accommodation by any covered entity who operates a place of public accommodation.

§36.202 Activities.

(a) *Denial of participation.* A public accommodation shall not subject an individual or class of individuals on the basis of a disability or disabilities of such individual or class, directly, or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements, to a denial of the opportunity of the individual or class to participate in or benefit from the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of a place of public accommodation.

(b) *Participation in unequal benefit.* A public accommodation shall not afford an individual or class of individuals, on the basis of a disability or disabilities of such individual or class, directly, or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements, with the opportunity to participate in or benefit from a good, service, facility, privilege, advantage, or accommodation that is not equal to that afforded to other individuals.

(c) *Separate benefit.* A public accommodation shall not provide an individual or class of individuals, on the basis of a disability or disabilities of such individual or class, directly, or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements with a good, service, facility, privilege, advantage, or accommodation that is different or separate from that provided to other individuals, unless such action is necessary to provide the individual or class of individuals with a good, service, facility, privilege, advantage, or accommodation, or other opportunity that is as effective as that provided to others.

(d) *Individual or class of individuals.* For purposes of paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section, the term individual or class of individuals refers to the clients or customers of the public accommodation that enter into the contractual, licensing, or other arrangement.

§ 36.203 Integrated settings.

(a) *General.* A public accommodation shall afford goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations to an individual with a disability in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of the individual.

(b) *Opportunity to participate.* Notwithstanding the existence of separate or different programs or activities provided in accordance with this subpart, a public accommodation shall not deny an individual with a disability an opportunity to participate in such programs or activities that are not separate or different.

(c) *Accommodations and services.* (1) Nothing in this part shall be construed to require an individual with a disability to accept an accommodation, aid, service, opportunity, or benefit available under this part that such individual chooses not to accept.

(2) Nothing in the CAA or this part authorizes the representative or guardian of an individual with a disability to decline food, water, medical treatment, or medical services for that individual.

§ 36.204 Administrative methods.

A public accommodation shall not, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, utilize standards or criteria or methods of administration that have the effect of discriminating on the basis of disability, or that perpetuate the discrimination of others who are subject to common administrative control.

§ 36.205 Association.

A public accommodation shall not exclude or otherwise deny equal goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, accommodations, or other opportunities to an individual or entity because of the known disability of an individual with whom the individual or entity is known to have a relationship or association.

§ 36.206 [Reserved]

§ 36.207 Places of public accommodation located in private residences.

(a) When a place of public accommodation is located in a private residence, the portion of the residence used exclusively as a residence is not covered by this part, but that portion used exclusively in the operation of the place of public accommodation or that portion used both for the place of public accommodation and for residential purposes is covered by this part.

(b) The portion of the residence covered under paragraph (a) of this section extends to those elements used to enter the place of public accommodation, including the homeowner's front sidewalk, if any, the door or entryway, and hallways; and those portions of the residence, interior or exterior, available to or used by customers or clients, including restrooms.

§ 36.208 Direct threat.

(a) This part does not require a public accommodation to permit an individual to participate in or benefit from the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages and accommodations of that public accommodation when that individual poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.

(b) *Direct threat* means a significant risk to the health or safety of others that cannot be eliminated by a modification of policies, practices, or procedures, or by the provision of auxiliary aids or services.

(c) In determining whether an individual poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, a public accommodation must make an individualized assessment, based on reasonable judgment that relies on current medical knowledge or on the best available objective evidence, to ascertain: the nature, duration, and severity of the risk; the probability that the potential injury will actually occur; and whether reasonable modifications of policies, practices, or procedures will mitigate the risk.

§ 36.209 Illegal use of drugs.

(a) *General.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, this part does not prohibit discrimination against an individual based on that individual's current illegal use of drugs.

(2) A public accommodation shall not discriminate on the basis of illegal use of drugs against an individual who is not engaging in current illegal use of drugs and who—

(i) Has successfully completed a supervised drug rehabilitation program or has otherwise been rehabilitated successfully;

(ii) Is participating in a supervised rehabilitation program; or

(iii) Is erroneously regarded as engaging in such use.

(b) *Health and drug rehabilitation services.* (1) A public accommodation shall not deny health services, or services provided in connection with drug rehabilitation, to an individual on the basis of that individual's current illegal use of drugs, if the individual is otherwise entitled to such services.

(2) A drug rehabilitation or treatment program may deny participation to individuals who engage in illegal use of drugs while they are in the program.

(c) *Drug testing.* (1) This part does not prohibit a public accommodation from adopting or administering reasonable policies or procedures, including but not limited to drug testing, designed to ensure that an individual who formerly engaged in the illegal use of drugs is not now engaging in current illegal use of drugs.

(2) Nothing in this paragraph (c) shall be construed to encourage, prohibit, restrict, or authorize the conducting of testing for the illegal use of drugs.

§ 36.210 Smoking.

This part does not preclude the prohibition of, or the imposition of restrictions on, smoking in places of public accommodation.

§ 36.211 Maintenance of accessible features.

(a) A public accommodation shall maintain in operable working condition those features of facilities and equipment that are required to be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities by the CAA or this part.

(b) This section does not prohibit isolated or temporary interruptions in service or access due to maintenance or repairs.

§ 36.212 Insurance.

(a) This part shall not be construed to prohibit or restrict—

(1) A covered entity that administers benefit plans, or similar organizations from underwriting risks, classifying risks, or administering such risks that are based on or not inconsistent with applicable law; or

(2) A person or organization covered by this part from establishing, sponsoring, observing or administering the terms of a bona fide benefit plan that are based on underwriting risks, classifying risks, or administering such risks that are based on or not inconsistent with applicable law; or

(3) A person or organization covered by this part from establishing, sponsoring, observing or administering the terms of a bona fide benefit plan that is not subject to applicable laws that regulate insurance.

(b) Paragraphs (a)(1), (2), and (3) of this section shall not be used as a subterfuge to evade the purposes of the CAA or this part.

(c) A public accommodation shall not refuse to serve an individual with a disability because its insurance company conditions coverage or rates on the absence of individuals with disabilities.

§ 36.213 Relationship of subpart B to subparts C and D of this part.

Subpart B of this part sets forth the general principles of nondiscrimination applicable to all entities subject to this part. Subparts C and D of this part provide guidance on the application of the statute to specific situations. The specific provisions, including the limitations on those provisions, control over the general provisions in circumstances where both specific and general provisions apply.

§§36.214–36.299 [Reserved]

SUBPART C SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

§ 36.301 Eligibility criteria.

(a) *General.* A public accommodation shall not impose or apply eligibility criteria that screen out or tend to screen out an individual with a disability or any class of individuals with disabilities from fully and equally enjoying any goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations, unless such criteria can be shown to be necessary for the provision of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations being offered.

(b) *Safety.* A public accommodation may impose legitimate safety requirements that are necessary for safe operation. Safety requirements must be based on actual risks and not on mere speculation, stereotypes, or generalizations about individuals with disabilities.

(c) *Charges.* A public accommodation may not impose a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the costs of measures, such as the provision of auxiliary aids, barrier removal, alternatives to barrier removal, and reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures, that are required to provide that individual or group with the nondiscriminatory treatment required by the CAA or this part.

§ 36.302 Modifications in policies, practices, or procedures.

(a) *General.* A public accommodation shall make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures, when the modifications are necessary to afford goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations to individuals with disabilities, unless the public accommodation can demonstrate that making the modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations.

(b) *Specialties*—(1) *General.* A public accommodation may refer an individual with a disability to another public accommodation, if that individual is seeking, or requires, treatment or services outside of the referring public accommodation's area of specialization, and if, in the normal course of its operations, the referring public accommodation would make a similar referral for an individual without a disability who seeks or requires the same treatment or services.

(2) *Illustration—medical specialties.* A health care provider may refer an individual with a disability to another provider, if that individual is seeking, or requires, treatment or services outside of the referring provider's area of specialization, and if the referring provider would make a similar referral for an individual without a disability who seeks or requires the same treatment or services. A physician who specializes in treating only a particular condition cannot refuse to treat an individual with a disability for that condition, but is not required to treat the individual for a different condition.

(c) *Service animals*—(1) *General.* Generally, a public accommodation shall modify policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of a service animal by an individual with a disability.

(2) *Care or supervision of service animals.* Nothing in this part requires a public accommodation to supervise or care for a service animal.

(d) *Check-out aisles.* A store with check-out aisles shall ensure that an adequate number of accessible check-out aisles is kept open during store hours, or shall otherwise modify its policies and practices, in order to ensure that an equivalent level of convenient service is provided to individuals with disabilities as is provided to others. If only one check-out aisle is accessible, and it is generally used for express service, one way of providing equivalent service is to allow persons with mobility impairments to make all their purchases at that aisle.

§36.303 Auxiliary aids and services.

(a) *General.* A public accommodation shall take those steps that may be necessary to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied services, segregated or otherwise treated differently than other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids and services, unless the public accommodation can demonstrate that taking those steps would fundamentally alter the nature of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations being offered or would result in an undue burden, i.e., significant difficulty or expense.

(b) *Examples.* The term ''auxiliary aids and service'' includes—

(1) Qualified interpreters, notetakers, computer-aided transcription services, written materials, telephone handset amplifiers, assistive listening devices, assistive listening systems, telephones compatible with hearing aids, closed caption decoders, open and closed captioning, text telephones (TTY's), videotext displays, or other effective methods of making aurally delivered materials available to individuals with hearing impairments;

(2) Qualified readers, taped texts, audio recordings, Brailled materials, large print materials, or other effective methods of making visually delivered materials available to individuals with visual impairments;

(3) Acquisition or modification of equipment or devices; and

(4) Other similar services and actions.

(c) *Effective communication.* A public accommodation shall furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services where necessary to ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities.

(d) Text telephones (TTY's). (1) A public accommodation that offers a customer, client, patient, or participant the opportunity to make outgoing telephone calls on more than an incidental convenience basis shall make available, upon request, a TTY for the use of an individual who has impaired hearing or a communication disorder.

(2) This part does not require a public accommodation to use a TTY for receiving or making telephone calls incident to its operations.

(f) *Alternatives.* If provision of a particular auxiliary aid or service by a public accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations being offered or is an undue burden, i.e., significant difficulty or expense, the public accommodation shall provide an alternative auxiliary aid or service, if one exists, that would not result in such an alteration or such burden but would nevertheless ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, individuals with disabilities receive the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations offered by the public accommodation.

§36.304 Removal of barriers.

(a) *General.* A public accommodation shall remove architectural barriers in existing facilities, including communication barriers that are structural in nature, where such removal is readily achievable, i.e., easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense.

(b) *Examples.* Examples of steps to remove barriers include, but are not limited to, the following actions—

(1) Installing ramps;

(2) Making curb cuts in sidewalks and entrances;

(3) Repositioning shelves;

(4) Rearranging tables, chairs, vending machines, display racks, and other furniture;

(5) Repositioning telephones;

(6) Adding raised markings on elevator control buttons;

(7) Installing flashing alarm lights;

(8) Widening doors;

(9) Installing offset hinges to widen doorways;

(10) Eliminating a turnstile or providing an alternative accessible path;

(11) Installing accessible door hardware;

(12) Installing grab bars in toilet stalls;

(13) Rearranging toilet partitions to increase maneuvering space;

(14) Insulating lavatory pipes under sinks to prevent burns;

(15) Installing a raised toilet seat;

(16) Installing a full-length bathroom mirror;

(17) Repositioning the paper towel dispenser in a bathroom;

(18) Creating designated accessible parking spaces;

(19) Installing an accessible paper cup dispenser at an existing inaccessible water fountain;

(20) Removing high pile, low density carpeting; or

(21) Installing vehicle hand controls.

(c) *Priorities.* A public accommodation is urged to take measures to comply with the barrier removal requirements of this section in accordance with the following order of priorities.

(1) First, a public accommodation should take measures to provide access to a place of public accommodation from public sidewalks, parking, or public transportation. These measures include, for example, installing an entrance ramp, widening entrances, and providing accessible parking spaces.

(2) Second, a public accommodation should take measures to provide access to those areas of a place of public accommodation where goods and services are made available to the public. These measures include, for example, adjusting the layout of display racks, rearranging tables, providing Brailled and raised character signage, widening doors, providing visual alarms, and installing ramps.

(3) Third, a public accommodation should take measures to provide access to restroom facilities. These measures include, for example, removal of obstructing furniture or vending machines, widening of doors, installation of ramps, providing accessible signage, widening of toilet stalls, and installation of grab bars.

(4) Fourth, a public accommodation should take any other measures necessary to provide access to the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of a place of public accommodation.

(d) *Relationship to alterations requirements of subpart D of this part.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, measures taken to comply with the barrier removal requirements of this section shall comply with the applicable requirements for alterations in §36.402 and §§36.404–36.406 of this part for the element being altered. The path of travel requirements of §36.403 shall not apply to measures taken solely to comply with the barrier removal requirements of this section.

(2) If, as a result of compliance with the alterations requirements specified in paragraph (d)(1) of this section, the measures required to remove a barrier would not be readily achievable, a public accommodation may take other readily achievable measures to remove the barrier that do not fully comply with the specified requirements. Such measures include, for example, providing a ramp with a steeper slope or widening a doorway to a narrower width than that mandated by the alterations requirements. No measure shall be taken, however, that poses a significant risk to the health or safety of individuals with disabilities or others.

(e) *Portable ramps.* Portable ramps should be used to comply with this section only when installation of a permanent ramp is not readily achievable. In order to avoid any significant risk to the health or safety of individuals with disabilities or others in using portable ramps, due consideration shall be given to safety features such as nonslip surfaces, railings, anchoring, and strength of materials.

(f) *Selling or serving space.* The rearrangement of temporary or movable structures, such as furniture, equipment, and display racks is not readily achievable to the extent that it results in a significant loss of selling or serving space.

(g) *Limitation on barrier removal obligations.* (1) The requirements for barrier removal under §36.304 shall not be interpreted to exceed the standards for alterations in subpart D of this part.

(2) To the extent that relevant standards for alterations are not provided in subpart D of this part, then the requirements of §36.304 shall not be interpreted to exceed the standards for new construction in subpart D of this part.

(3) This section does not apply to rolling stock and other conveyances to the extent that §36.310 applies to rolling stock and other conveyances.

§36.305 Alternatives to barrier removal.

(a) *General.* Where a public accommodation can demonstrate that barrier removal is not readily achievable, the public accommodation shall not fail to make its goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations available through alternative methods, if those methods are readily achievable.

(b) *Examples.* Examples of alternatives to barrier removal include, but are not limited to, the following actions—

(1) Providing curb service or home delivery;

(2) Retrieving merchandise from inaccessible shelves or racks;

(3) Relocating activities to accessible locations;

(c) *Multiscreen cinemas.* If it is not readily achievable to remove barriers to provide access by persons with mobility impairments to all of the theaters of a multiscreen cinema, the cinema shall establish a film rotation schedule that provides reasonable access for individuals who use wheelchairs to all films. Reasonable notice shall be provided to the public as to the location and time of accessible showings.

§ 36.306 Personal devices and services.

This part does not require a public accommodation to provide its customers, clients, or participants with personal devices, such as wheelchairs; individually prescribed devices, such as prescription eyeglasses or hearing aids; or services of a personal nature including assistance in eating, toileting, or dressing.

§ 36.307 Accessible or special goods.

(a) This part does not require a public accommodation to alter its inventory to include accessible or special goods that are designed for, or facilitate use by, individuals with disabilities.

(b) A public accommodation shall order accessible or special goods at the request of an individual with disabilities, if, in the normal course of its operation, it makes special orders on request for unstocked goods, and if the accessible or special goods can be obtained from a supplier with whom the public accommodation customarily does business.

(c) Examples of accessible or special goods include items such as Brailled versions of books, books on audio cassettes, closed-captioned video tapes, special sizes or lines of clothing, and special foods to meet particular dietary needs.

§ 36.308 Seating in assembly areas.

(a) *Existing facilities.* (1) To the extent that it is readily achievable, a public accommodation in assembly areas shall—

(i) Provide a reasonable number of wheelchair seating spaces and seats with removable aisle-side arm rests; and

(ii) Locate the wheelchair seating spaces so that they—

(A) Are dispersed throughout the seating area;

(B) Provide lines of sight and choice of admission prices comparable to those for members of the general public;

(C) Adjoin an accessible route that also serves as a means of egress in case of emergency; and

(D) Permit individuals who use wheelchairs to sit with family members or other companions.

(2) If removal of seats is not readily achievable, a public accommodation shall provide, to the extent that it is readily achievable to do so, a portable chair or other means to permit a family member or other companion to sit with an individual who uses a wheelchair.

(3) The requirements of paragraph (a) of this section shall not be interpreted to exceed the standards for alterations in subpart D of this part.

(b) *New construction and alterations.* The provision and location of wheelchair seating spaces in newly constructed or altered assembly areas shall be governed by the standards for new construction and alterations in subpart D of this part.

§ 36.309 Examinations and courses.

(a) *General.* Any covered entity that offers examinations or courses related to applications, licensing, certification, or credentialing for secondary or postsecondary education, professional, or trade purposes shall offer such examinations or courses in a place and manner accessible to persons with disabilities or offer alternative accessible arrangements for such individuals.

(b) *Examinations.* (1) Any covered entity offering an examination covered by this section must assure that—

(i) The examination is selected and administered so as to best ensure that, when the examination is administered to an individual with a disability that impairs sensory, manual, or speaking skills, the examination results accurately reflect the individual's aptitude or achievement level or whatever other factor the examination purports to measure, rather than reflecting the individual's impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills (except where those skills are the factors that the examination purports to measure);

(ii) An examination that is designed for individuals with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills is offered at equally convenient locations, as often, and in as timely a manner as are other examinations; and

(iii) The examination is administered in facilities that are accessible to individuals with disabilities or alternative accessible arrangements are made.

(2) Required modifications to an examination may include changes in the length of time permitted for completion of the examination and adaptation of the manner in which the examination is given.

(3) A covered entity offering an examination covered by this section shall provide appropriate auxiliary aids for persons with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills, unless that covered entity can demonstrate that offering a particular auxiliary aid would fundamentally alter the measurement of the skills or knowledge the examination is intended to test or would result in an undue burden. Auxiliary aids and services required by this section may include taped examinations, interpreters or other effective methods of making orally delivered materials available to individuals with hearing impairments, Brailled or large print examinations and answer sheets or qualified readers for individuals with visual impairments or learning disabilities, transcribers for individuals with manual impairments, and other similar services and actions.

(4) Alternative accessible arrangements may include, for example, provision of an examination at an individual's home with a proctor if accessible facilities or equipment are unavailable. Alternative arrangements must provide comparable conditions to those provided for nondisabled individuals.

(c) *Courses.* (1) Any covered entity that offers a course covered by this section must make such modifications to that course as are necessary to ensure that the place and manner in which the course is given are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

(2) Required modifications may include changes in the length of time permitted for the completion of the course, substitution of specific requirements, or adaptation of the manner in which the course is conducted or course materials are distributed.

(3) A covered entity that offers a course covered by this section shall provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services for persons with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills, unless the covered entity can demonstrate that offering a particular auxiliary aid or service would fundamentally alter the course or would result in an undue burden. Auxiliary aids and services required by this section may include taped texts, interpreters or other effective methods of making orally delivered materials available to individuals with hearing impairments, Brailled or large print texts or qualified readers for individuals with visual impairments and learning disabilities, classroom equipment adapted for use by individuals with manual impairments, and other similar services and actions.

(4) Courses must be administered in facilities that are accessible to individuals with disabilities or alternative accessible arrangements must be made.

(5) Alternative accessible arrangements may include, for example, provision of the course through videotape, cassettes, or prepared notes. Alternative arrangements must provide comparable conditions to those provided for nondisabled individuals.

§ 36.310 Transportation provided by public accommodations.

(a) *General.* (1) A public accommodation that provides transportation services, but that is not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people, is subject to the general and specific provisions in subparts B, C, and D of this part for its transportation operations, except as provided in this section.

(2) *Examples.* Transportation services subject to this section include, but are not limited to, shuttle services operated between transportation terminals and places of public accommodation and customer shuttle bus services operated by covered entities

(b) *Barrier removal.* A public accommodation subject to this section shall remove transportation barriers in existing vehicles and rail passenger cars used for transporting individuals (not including barriers that can only be removed through the retrofitting of vehicles or rail passenger cars by the installation of a hydraulic or other lift) where such removal is readily achievable.

(c) *Requirements for vehicles and systems.* A public accommodation subject to this section shall comply with the requirements pertaining to vehicles and transportation systems in the regulations issued by the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance.

§§ 36.311–36.400 [Reserved]

SUBPART D—NEW CONSTRUCTION AND ALTERATIONS

§ 36.401 New construction.

(a) *General.* (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, discrimination for purposes of this part includes a failure to design and construct facilities for first occupancy after July 23, 1997, that are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

(2) For purposes of this section, a facility is designed and constructed for first occupancy after July 23, 1997, only—

(i) If the last application for a building permit or permit extension for the facility is certified to be complete, by an appropriate governmental authority after January 1, 1997 (or, in those jurisdictions where the government does not certify completion of applications, if the last application for a building permit or permit extension for the facility is received by the appropriate governmental authority after January 1, 1997); and

(ii) If the first certificate of occupancy for the facility is issued after July 23, 1997.

(b) *Place of public accommodation located in private residences.* (1) When a place of public accommodation is located in a private residence, the portion of the residence used exclusively as a residence is not covered by this subpart, but that portion used exclusively in the operation of the place of public accommodation or that portion used both for the place of public accommodation and for residential purposes is covered by the new construction and alterations requirements of this subpart.

(2) The portion of the residence covered under paragraph (b)(1) of this section extends

to those elements used to enter the place of public accommodation, including the homeowner's front sidewalk, if any, the door or entryway, and hallways; and those portions of the residence, interior or exterior, available to or used by employees or visitors of the place of public accommodation, including restrooms.

(c) *Exception for structural impracticability.* (1) Full compliance with the requirements of this section is not required where an entity can demonstrate that it is structurally impracticable to meet the requirements. Full compliance will be considered structurally impracticable only in those rare circumstances when the unique characteristics of terrain prevent the incorporation of accessibility features.

(2) If full compliance with this section would be structurally impracticable, compliance with this section is required to the extent that it is not structurally impracticable. In that case, any portion of the facility that can be made accessible shall be made accessible to the extent that it is not structurally impracticable.

(3) If providing accessibility in conformance with this section to individuals with certain disabilities (e.g., those who use wheelchairs) would be structurally impracticable, accessibility shall nonetheless be ensured to persons with other types of disabilities (e.g., those who use crutches or who have sight, hearing, or mental impairments) in accordance with this section.

(d) *Elevator exemption.* (1) For purposes of this paragraph (d)—

Professional office of a health care provider means a location where a person or entity regulated by a State to provide professional services related to the physical or mental health of an individual makes such services available to the public. The facility housing the ''professional office of a health care provider'' only includes floor levels housing at least one health care provider, or any floor level designed or intended for use by at least one health care provider.

(2) This section does not require the installation of an elevator in a facility that is less than three stories or has less than 3000 square feet per story, except with respect to any facility that houses one or more of the following:

(i) A professional office of a health care provider.

(ii) A terminal, depot, or other station used for specified public transportation. In such a facility, any area housing passenger services, including boarding and debarking, loading and unloading, baggage claim, dining facilities, and other common areas open to the public, must be on an accessible route from an accessible entrance.

(3) The elevator exemption set forth in this paragraph (d) does not obviate or limit in any way the obligation to comply with the other accessibility requirements established in paragraph (a) of this section. For example, in a facility that houses a professional office of a health care provider, the floors that are above or below an accessible ground floor and that do not house a professional office of a health care provider, must meet the requirements of this section but for the elevator.

§ 36.402 Alterations.

(a) *General.* (1) Any alteration to a place of public accommodation, after January 1, 1997, shall be made so as to ensure that, to the maximum extent feasible, the altered portions of the facility are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(2) An alteration is deemed to be undertaken after January 1, 1997, if the physical alteration of the property begins after that date.

(b) *Alteration.* For the purposes of this part, an alteration is a change to a place of public accommodation that affects or could affect the usability of the building or facility or any part thereof.

(1) Alterations include, but are not limited to, remodeling, renovation, rehabilitation, reconstruction, historic restoration, changes or rearrangement in structural parts or elements, and changes or rearrangement in the plan configuration of walls and full-height partitions. Normal maintenance, reroofing, painting or wallpapering, asbestos removal, or changes to mechanical and electrical systems are not alterations unless they affect the usability of the building or facility.

(2) If existing elements, spaces, or common areas are altered, then each such altered element, space, or area shall comply with the applicable provisions of appendix A to this part.

(c) *To the maximum extent feasible.* The phrase ''to the maximum extent feasible,'' as used in this section, applies to the occasional case where the nature of an existing facility makes it virtually impossible to comply fully with applicable accessibility standards through a planned alteration. In these circumstances, the alteration shall provide the maximum physical accessibility feasible. Any altered features of the facility that can be made accessible shall be made accessible. If providing accessibility in conformance with this section to individuals with certain disabilities (e.g., those who use wheelchairs) would not be feasible, the facility shall be made accessible to persons with other types of disabilities (e.g., those who use crutches, those who have impaired vision or hearing, or those who have other impairments).

§ 36.403 Alterations: Path of travel.

(a) *General.* An alteration that affects or could affect the usability of or access to an area of a facility that contains a primary function shall be made so as to ensure that, to the maximum extent feasible, the path of travel to the altered area and the restrooms, telephones, and drinking fountains serving the altered area, are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, unless the cost and scope of such alterations is disproportionate to the cost of the overall alteration.

(b) *Primary function.* A primary function is a major activity for which the facility is intended. Areas that contain a primary function include, but are not limited to, the customer services lobby of a bank, the dining area of a cafeteria, the meeting rooms in a conference center, as well as offices and other work areas in which the activities of the public accommodation or other covered entity using the facility are carried out. Mechanical rooms, boiler rooms, supply storage rooms, employee lounges or locker rooms, janitorial closets, entrances, corridors, and restrooms are not areas containing a primary function.

(c) *Alterations to an area containing a primary function.* (1) Alterations that affect the usability of or access to an area containing a primary function include, but are not limited to—

(i) Remodeling merchandise display areas or employee work areas in a department store;

(ii) Replacing an inaccessible floor surface in the customer service or employee work areas of a bank;

(iii) Redesigning the assembly line area of a factory; or

(iv) Installing a computer center in an accounting firm.

(2) For the purposes of this section, alterations to windows, hardware, controls, electrical outlets, and signage shall not be deemed to be alterations that affect the usability of or access to an area containing a primary function.

(d) *Path of travel.* (1) A ''path of travel'' includes a continuous, unobstructed way of pedestrian passage by means of which the altered area may be approached, entered, and exited, and which connects the altered area with an exterior approach (including sidewalks, streets, and parking areas), an entrance to the facility, and other parts of the facility.

(2) An accessible path of travel may consist of walks and sidewalks, curb ramps and other interior or exterior pedestrian ramps; clear floor paths through lobbies, corridors, rooms, and other improved areas; parking access aisles; elevators and lifts; or a combination of these elements.

(3) For the purposes of this part, the term ''path of travel'' also includes the restrooms, telephones, and drinking fountains serving the altered area.

(e) *Disproportionality.* (1) Alterations made to provide an accessible path of travel to the altered area will be deemed disproportionate to the overall alteration when the cost exceeds 20% of the cost of the alteration to the primary function area.

(2) Costs that may be counted as expenditures required to provide an accessible path of travel may include:

(i) Costs associated with providing an accessible entrance and an accessible route to the altered area, for example, the cost of widening doorways or installing ramps;

(ii) Costs associated with making restrooms accessible, such as installing grab bars, enlarging toilet stalls, insulating pipes, or installing accessible faucet controls;

(iii) Costs associated with providing accessible telephones, such as relocating the telephone to an accessible height, installing amplification devices, or installing a text telephone (TTY);

(iv) Costs associated with relocating an inaccessible drinking fountain.

(f) *Duty to provide accessible features in the event of disproportionality.* (1) When the cost of alterations necessary to make the path of travel to the altered area fully accessible is disproportionate to the cost of the overall alteration, the path of travel shall be made accessible to the extent that it can be made accessible without incurring disproportionate costs.

(2) In choosing which accessible elements to provide, priority should be given to those elements that will provide the greatest access, in the following order:

(i) An accessible entrance;

(ii) An accessible route to the altered area;

(iii) At least one accessible restroom for each sex or a single unisex restroom;

(iv) Accessible telephones;

(v) Accessible drinking fountains; and

(vi) When possible, additional accessible elements such as parking, storage, and alarms.

(g) *Series of smaller alterations.* (1) The obligation to provide an accessible path of travel may not be evaded by performing a series of small alterations to the area served by a single path of travel if those alterations could have been performed as a single undertaking.

(2)(i) If an area containing a primary function has been altered without providing an accessible path of travel to that area, and subsequent alterations of that area, or a different area on the same path of travel, are undertaken within three years of the original alteration, the total cost of alterations to the primary function areas on that path of travel during the preceding three year period shall be considered in determining whether the cost of making that path of travel accessible is disproportionate.

(ii) Only alterations undertaken after January 1, 1997, shall be considered in determining if the cost of providing an accessible path

of travel is disproportionate to the overall cost of the alterations.

§ 36.404 Alterations: Elevator exemption.

(a) This section does not require the installation of an elevator in an altered facility that is less than three stories or has less than 3,000 square feet per story, except with respect to any facility that houses the professional office of a health care provider, a terminal, depot, or other station used for specified public transportation.

For the purposes of this section, ''professional office of a health care provider'' means a location where a person or entity employed by a covered entity and/or regulated by a State to provide professional services related to the physical or mental health of an individual makes such services available to the public. The facility that houses a ''professional office of a health care provider'' only includes floor levels housing by at least one health care provider, or any floor level designed or intended for use by at least one health care provider.

(b) The exemption provided in paragraph (a) of this section does not obviate or limit in any way the obligation to comply with the other accessibility requirements established in this subpart. For example, alterations to floors above or below the accessible ground floor must be accessible regardless of whether the altered facility has an elevator.

§ 36.405 Alterations: Historic preservation.

(a) Alterations to buildings or facilities that are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.), or are designated as historic under State or local law, shall comply to the maximum extent feasible with section 4.1.7 of appendix A to this part.

(b) If it is determined under the procedures set out in section 4.1.7 of appendix A that it is not feasible to provide physical access to an historic property that is a place of public accommodation in a manner that will not threaten or destroy the historic significance of the building or facility, alternative methods of access shall be provided pursuant to the requirements of subpart C of this part.

§ 36.406 Standards for new construction and alterations.

(a) New construction and alterations subject to this part shall comply with the standards for accessible design published as appendix A to this part (ADAAG).

(b) The chart in the appendix to this section provides guidance to the user in reading appendix A to this part (ADAAG) together with subparts A through D of this part, when determining requirements for a particular facility.

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This chart has no effect for purposes of compliance or enforcement. It does not necessarily provide complete or mandatory information.

	Subparts A–D	ADAAG
Application: General.	36.102(b)(3): public accommodations 36.102(c): commercial facilities 36.102(e): public entities 36.103 (other laws) 36.401 (''for first occupancy'') 36.402(a)(alterations)	1,2,3,4.1.1.
Definitions	36.104: facility, place of public accommodation, public accommodation, public entity.	3.5 Definitions, including; addition, alteration, building, element, facility, space, story.
	36.401(d)(1)(i), 36.404(a)(1): professional office of a health care provider 36.402: alteration; usability. 36.402(c): to the maximum extent feasible.	4.1.6(i), technical infeasibility.
	36.401(a) General	4.1.2.
New construction: General	36.207 Places of public accommodation in private residences	4.1.3.
Work areas		4.1.1(3)
Structural impracticability	36.401(c)	4.1.1(5)(a).
Elevator exemption	36.401(d) 36.404	4.1.3(5).
Other exceptions		4.1.1(5), 4.1.3(5) and throughout.
Alterations: general	36.402	4.1.6(1).
Alterations affecting an area containing a primary function; path of travel; disproportionality.	36.403	4.1.6(2).
Alterations: Special Technical provisions		4.1.6(3).
Additions	36.401–36.405	4.1.5.
Historic preservation	36.405	4.1.7.
Technical provisions		4.2 through 4.35.
Restaurants and cafeterias		5.
Facilites		6.
Business and mercantile		7.
Libraries		8.
Transient lodging (hotels, homeless shelters, etc.)		9.
Transportation facilities		10.

§ 36.407. Temporary suspension of certain detectable warning requirements.

The detectable warning requirements contained in sections 4.7.7, 4.29.5, and 4.29.6 of appendix A to this part are suspended temporarily until July 26, 1998.

§§ 36.408–36.499 [Reserved]

§§ 36.501–36.608 [Reserved]

Appendix A to Part 36—Standards for Accessible Design

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Appendix B to Part 36—Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards

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Part 37—Transportation Services for Individuals With Disabilities (CAA)

Subpart A—General

Sec.

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Subpart F—Paratransit as a complement to fixed route service

SUBPART A—GENERAL

§37.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to implement the transportation and related provisions of titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as applied by section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*).

§37.3 Definitions

As used in this part:

Accessible means, with respect to vehicles and facilities, complying with the accessibility requirements of parts 37 and 38 of these regulations.

Act or *CAA* means the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (Pub.L. 104-1, 109 Stat. 3, 2 U.S.C. §§ 1301-1438).

ADA means the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131- 12150, 12182, 12183, and 12189) as applied to covered entities by section 210 of the CAA.

Alteration means a change to an existing facility, including, but not limited to, remodeling, renovation, rehabilitation, reconstruction, historic restoration, changes or rearrangement in structural parts or elements, and changes or rearrangement in the plan configuration of walls and full-height partitions. Normal maintenance, reroofing, painting or wallpapering, asbestos removal, or changes to mechanical or electrical systems are not alterations unless they affect the usability of the building or facility.

Automated guideway transit system or AGT means a fixed-guideway transit system which operates with automated (driverless) individual vehicles or multi-car trains. Service may be on a fixed schedule or in response to a passenger-activated call button.

Auxiliary aids and services includes:

(1) Qualified interpreters, notetakers, transcription services, written materials, telephone headset amplifiers, assistive listening devices, assistive listening systems, telephones compatible with hearing aids, closed caption decoders, closed and open captioning, text telephones (also known as TTYs), videotext displays, or other effective methods of making aurally delivered materials available to individuals with hearing impairments;

(2) Qualified readers, taped texts, audio recordings, Brailled materials, large print materials, or other effective methods of making visually delivered materials available to individuals with visual impairments;

(3) Acquisition or modification of equipment or devices; or

(4) Other similar services or actions.

Board means the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance.

Bus means any of several types of self-propelled vehicles, generally rubber-tired, intended for use on city streets, highways, and busways, including but not limited to minibuses, forty- and thirty- foot buses, articulated buses, double-deck buses, and electrically powered trolley buses, used by public entities to provide designated public transportation service and by covered entities to provide transportation service including, but not limited to, specified public transportation services. Self-propelled, rubber-tired vehicles designed to look like antique or vintage trolleys are considered buses.

Commuter bus service means fixed route bus service, characterized by service predominantly in one direction during peak periods, limited stops, use of multi-ride tickets, and routes of extended length, usually between the central business district and outlying suburbs. Commuter bus service may also include other service, characterized by a limited route structure, limited stops, and a coordinated relationship to another mode of transportation.

Covered entity means any entity listed in section 210(a) of the CAA that operates a place of public accommodation within the meaning of section 210 of the CAA.

Demand responsive system means any system of transporting individuals, including the provision of designated public transportation service by public entities and the provision of transportation service by covered entities, including but not limited to specified public transportation service, which is not a fixed route system.

Designated public transportation means transportation provided by a public entity (other than public school transportation) by bus, rail, or other conveyance (other than transportation by aircraft or intercity or commuter rail transportation) that provides the general public with general or special service, including charter service, on a regular and continuing basis.

Disability means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual; a record of such an impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment.

(1) *The phrase physical or mental impairment* means

(i) Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological, musculoskeletal, special sense organs, respiratory including speech organs, cardiovascular, reproductive, digestive, genito-urinary, hemic and lymphatic, skin, and endocrine;

(ii) Any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities;

(iii) The term *physical or mental impairment* includes, but is not limited to, such contagious or noncontagious diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments; cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, mental retardation, emotional illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease, tuberculosis, drug addiction and alcoholism;

(iv) The phrase *physical or mental impairment* does not include homosexuality or bisexuality.

(2) The phrase *major life activities* means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working; or

(3) The phrase *has a record of such an impairment* means has a history of, or has been misclassified as having, a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; or

(4) The phrase *is regarded as having such an impairment* means—

(i) Has a physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities, but which is treated by a public or covered entity as constituting such a limitation;

(ii) Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such an impairment; or

(iii) Has none of the impairments defined in paragraph (1) of this definition but is treated by a public or covered entity as having such an impairment.

(5) The term *disability* does not include—

(i) Transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments, or other sexual behavior disorders;

(ii) Compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania;

(iii) Psychoactive substance abuse disorders resulting from the current illegal use of drugs.

Facility means all or any portion of buildings, structures, sites, complexes, equipment, roads, walks, passageways, parking lots, or other real or personal property, including the site where the building, property, structure, or equipment is located.

Fixed route system means a system of transporting individuals (other than by aircraft), including the provision of designated public transportation service by public entities and the provision of transportation service by covered entities, including, but not limited to, specified public transportation service, on which a vehicle is operated along a prescribed route according to a fixed schedule.

General Counsel means the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance.

Individual with a disability means a person who has a disability, but does not include an individual who is currently engaging in the illegal use of drugs, when a public or covered entity acts on the basis of such use.

Light rail means a streetcar-type vehicle operated on city streets, semi-exclusive rights of way, or exclusive rights of way. Service may be provided by step-entry vehicles or by level boarding.

New vehicle means a vehicle which is offered for sale or lease after manufacture without any prior use.

Office means the Office of Compliance.

Operates includes, with respect to a fixed route or demand responsive system, the provision of transportation service by a public or covered entity itself or by a person under a contractual or other arrangement or relationship with the entity.

Over-the-road bus means a bus characterized by an elevated passenger deck located over a baggage compartment.

Paratransit means comparable transportation service required by the CAA for individuals with disabilities who are unable to use fixed route transportation systems.

Private entity means any entity other than a public or covered entity.

Public entity means any of the following entities that provides public services, programs, or activities:

(1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee;
(2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee;
(3) each joint committee of the Congress;
(4) the Capitol Guide Service;
(5) the Capitol Police;
(6) the Congressional Budget Office;
(7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden);
(8) the Office of the Attending Physician; and
(9) the Office of Compliance.

Purchase or lease, with respect to vehicles, means the time at which a public or covered entity is legally obligated to obtain the vehicles, such as the time of contract execution.

Public school transportation means transportation by schoolbus vehicles of schoolchildren, personnel, and equipment to and from a public elementary or secondary school and school-related activities.

Rapid rail means a subway-type transit vehicle railway operated on exclusive private rights of way with high level platform stations. Rapid rail also may operate on elevated or at grade level track separated from other traffic.

Remanufactured vehicle means a vehicle which has been structurally restored and has had new or rebuilt major components installed to extend its service life.

Service animal means any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

Solicitation means the closing date for the submission of bids or offers in a procurement.

Station means where a public entity providing rail transportation owns the property, concession areas, to the extent that such public entity exercises control over the selection, design, construction, or alteration of the property, but this term does not include flag stops (i.e., stations which are not regularly scheduled stops but at which trains will stop board or detrain passengers only on signal or advance notice).

Transit facility means, for purposes of determining the number of text telephones needed consistent with §10.3.1(12) of Appendix A to this part, a physical structure the primary function of which is to facilitate access to and from a transportation system which has scheduled stops at the structure. The term does not include an open structure or a physical structure the primary purpose of which is other than providing transportation services.

Used vehicle means a vehicle with prior use.

Vanpool means a voluntary commuter ridesharing arrangement, using vans with a seating capacity greater than 7 persons (including the driver) or buses, which provides transportation to a group of individuals traveling directly from their homes to their regular places of work within the same geographical area, and in which the commuter/driver does not receive compensation beyond reimbursement for his or her costs of providing the service.

Vehicle, as the term is applied to covered entities, does not include a rail passenger car, railroad locomotive, railroad freight car, or railroad caboose, or other rail rolling stock described in section 242 or title III of the Americans With Disabilities Act, which is not applied to covered entities by section 210 of the CAA.

Wheelchair means a mobility aid belonging to any class of three or four-wheeled devices, usable indoors, designed for and used by individuals with mobility impairments, whether operated manually or powered. A ''*common wheelchair*'' is such a device which does not exceed 30 inches in width and 48 inches in length measured two inches above the ground, and does not weigh more than 600 pounds when occupied.

§37.5 Nondiscrimination.

(a) No covered entity shall discriminate against an individual with a disability in connection with the provision of transportation service.

(b) Notwithstanding the provision of any special transportation service to individuals with disabilities, an entity shall not, on the basis of disability, deny to any individual with a disability the opportunity to use the entity's transportation service for the general public, if the individual is capable of using that service.

(c) An entity shall not require an individual with a disability to use designated priority seats, if the individual does not choose to use these seats.

(d) An entity shall not impose special charges, not authorized by this part, on individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, for providing services required by this part or otherwise necessary to accommodate them.

(e) An entity shall not require that an individual with disabilities be accompanied by an attendant.

(f) An entity shall not refuse to serve an individual with a disability or require anything contrary to this part because its insurance company conditions coverage or rates on the absence of individuals with disabilities or requirements contrary to this part.

(g) It is not discrimination under this part for an entity to refuse to provide service to an individual with disabilities because that individual engages in violent, seriously disruptive, or illegal conduct. However, an entity shall not refuse to provide service to an individual with disabilities solely because the individual's disability results in appearance or involuntary behavior that may offend, annoy, or inconvenience employees of the entity or other persons.

§37.7 Standards for accessible vehicles.

(a) For purposes of this part, a vehicle shall be considered to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities if it meets the requirements of this part and the standards set forth in part 38 of these regulations.

(b)(1) For purposes of implementing the equivalent facilitation provision in §38.2 of these regulations, the following parties may submit to the General Counsel of the applicable operating administration a request for a determination of equivalent facilitation:

(i) A public or covered entity that provides transportation services and is subject to the provisions of subpart D or subpart E of this part; or

(ii) The manufacturer of a vehicle or a vehicle component or subsystem to be used by such entity to comply with this part.

(2) The requesting party shall provide the following information with its request:

(i) Entity name, address, contact person and telephone;

(ii) Specific provision of part 38 of these regulations concerning which the entity is seeking a determination of equivalent facilitation;

(iii) [Reserved];

(iv) Alternative method of compliance, with demonstration of how the alternative meets or exceeds the level of accessibility or usability of the vehicle provided in part 38; and

(v) Documentation of the public participation used in developing an alternative method of compliance.

(3) In the case of a request by a public entity that provides transportation services subject to the provisions of subpart D of this part, the required public participation shall include the following:

(i) The entity shall contact individuals with disabilities and groups representing them in the community. Consultation with these individuals and groups shall take place at all stages of the development of the request for equivalent facilitation. All documents and other information concerning the request shall be available, upon request to members of the public.

(ii) The entity shall make its proposed request available for public comment before the request is made final or transmitted to the General Counsel. In making the request available for public review, the entity shall ensure that it is available, upon request, in accessible formats.

(iii) The entity shall sponsor at least one public hearing on the request and shall provide adequate notice of the hearing, including advertisement in appropriate media, such as newspapers of general and special interest circulation and radio announcements.

(4) In the case of a request by a covered entity that provides transportation services subject to the provisions of subpart E of this part, the covered entity shall consult, in person, in writing, or by other appropriate means, with representatives of national and local organizations representing people with those disabilities who would be affected by the request.

(5) A determination of compliance will be made by the General Counsel of the concerned operating administration on a case-by-case basis.

(6) Determinations of equivalent facilitation are made only with respect to vehicles or vehicle components used in the provision of transportation services covered by subpart D or subpart E of this part, and pertain only to the specific situation concerning which the determination is made. Entities shall not cite these determinations as indicating that a product or method constitute equivalent facilitation in situations other than those to which the determination is made. Entities shall not claim that a determination of equivalent facilitation indicates approval or endorsement of any product or method by the Office.

(c) Over-the-road buses acquired by public entities (or by a contractor to a public entity as provided in §37.23 of this part) shall comply with §38.23 and subpart G of part 38 of these regulations.

§37.9 Standards for accessible transportation facilities.

(a) For purposes of this part, a transportation facility shall be considered to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities if it meets the requirements of this part and the standards set forth in Appendix A to this part.

(b) Facility alterations begun before January 1, 1997, in a good faith effort to make a facility accessible to individuals with disabilities may be used to meet the key station requirements set forth in §37.47 of this part, even if these alterations are not consistent with the standards set forth in Appendix A to this part, if the modifications complied with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standard (UFAS) or ANSI A117.1(1980) (American National Standards Specification for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to and Usable by, the Physically Handicapped). This paragraph applies only to alterations of individual elements and spaces and only to the extent that

provisions covering those elements or spaces are contained in UFAS or ANSI A117.1, as applicable.

(c) Public entities shall ensure the construction of new bus stop pads are in compliance with section 10.2.1(1) of appendix A to this part, to the extent construction specifications are within their control.

(d)(1) For purposes of implementing the equivalent facilitation provision in section 2.2 of appendix A to this part, the following parties may submit to the General Counsel a request for a determination of equivalent facilitation:

(i) A public or covered entity that provides transportation services subject to the provisions of subpart C of this part, or any other appropriate party with the concurrence of the General Counsel.

(ii) The manufacturer of a product or accessibility feature to be used in the facility of such entity to comply with this part.

(2) The requesting party shall provide the following information with its request:

(i) Entity name, address, contact person and telephone;

(ii) Specific provision of appendix A to part 37 of these regulations concerning which the entity is seeking a determination of equivalent facilitation;

(iii) [Reserved];

(iv) Alternative method of compliance, with demonstration of how the alternative meets or exceeds the level of accessibility or usability of the vehicle provided in appendix A to this part; and

(v) Documentation of the public participation used in developing an alternative method of compliance.

(3) In the case of a request by a public entity that provides transportation facilities, the required public participation shall include the following:

(i) The entity shall contact individuals with disabilities and groups representing them in the community. Consultation with these individuals and groups shall take place at all stages of the development of the request for equivalent facilitation. All documents and other information concerning the request shall be available, upon request to members of the public.

(ii) The entity shall make its proposed request available for public comment before the request is made final or transmitted to the General Counsel. In making the request available for public review, the entity shall ensure that it is available, upon request, in accessible formats.

(iii) The entity shall sponsor at least one public hearing on the request and shall provide adequate notice of the hearing, including advertisement in appropriate medial, such as newspapers of general and special interest circulation and radio announcements.

(4) In the case of a request by a covered entity, the covered entity shall consult, in person, in writing, or by other appropriate means, with representatives of national and local organizations representing people with those disabilities who would be affected by the request.

(5) A determination of compliance will be made by the General Counsel on a case-by-case basis.

(6) Determinations of equivalent facilitation are made only with respect to vehicles or vehicle components used in the provision of transportation services covered by subpart D or subpart E of this part, and pertain only to the specific situation concerning which the determination is made. Entities shall not cite these determinations as indicating that a product or method constitute equivalent facilitations in situations other than those to which the determination is made. Entities shall not claim that a determination of equivalent facilitation indicates approval or endorsement of any product or method by the Office.

§37.11 [Reserved]

§37.13 Effective date for certain vehicle lift specifications.

The vehicle lift specifications identified in §§38.23(b)(6) and 38.83(b)(6) apply to solicitations for vehicles under this part after December 31, 1996.

§§37.15 Temporary suspension of certain detectable warning requirements.

The detectable warning requirements contained in sections 4.7.7, 4.29.5, and 3.29.6 of appendix A to this part are suspended temporarily until July 26, 1998.

§§37.17–37.19 [Reserved]

SUBPART B—APPLICABILITY

§37.21 Applicability: General.

(a) This part applies to the following entities:

(1) Any public entity that provides designated public transportation; and

(2) Any covered entity that is not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people but operates a demand responsive or fixed route system.

(b) Entities to which this part applies also may be subject to CAA regulations of the Office of Compliance (parts 35 or 36, as applicable). The provisions of this part shall be interpreted in a manner that will make them consistent with applicable Office of Compliance regulations. In any case of apparent inconsistency, the provisions of this part shall prevail.

§37.23 Service under contract.

(a) When a public entity enters into a contractual or other arrangement or relationship with a private entity to operate fixed route or demand responsive service, the public entity shall ensure that the private entity meets the requirements of this part that would apply to the public entity if the public entity itself provided the service.

(b) A public entity which enters into a contractual or other arrangement or relationship with a private entity to provide fixed route service shall ensure that the percentage of accessible vehicles operated by the public entity in its overall fixed route or demand responsive fleet is not diminished as a result.

§37.25 [Reserved]

§37.27 Transportation for elementary and secondary education systems.

(a) The requirements of this part do not apply to public school transportation.

(b) The requirements of this part do not apply to the transportation of school children to and from a covered elementary or secondary school, and its school-related activities, if the school is providing transportation service to students with disabilities equivalent to that provided to students without disabilities. The test of equivalence is the same as that provided in §37.105. If the school does not meet the criteria of this paragraph for exemption from the requirements of this part, it is subject to the requirements of this part for covered entities not primarily engaged in transporting people.

§37.29 [Reserved]

§37.31 Vanpools.

Vanpool systems which are operated by public entities, or in which public entities own or purchase or lease the vehicles, are subject to the requirements of this part for demand responsive service for the general public operated by public entities. A vanpool system in this category is deemed to be providing equivalent service to individuals with disabilities if a vehicle that an individual with disabilities can use is made available to and used by a vanpool in which such an individual chooses to participate.

§§37.33–37.35 [Reserved]

§37.37 Other applications.

(a) Shuttle systems and other transportation services operated by public accommodations are subject to the requirements of this part for covered entities not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people. Either the requirements for demand responsive or fixed route service may apply, depending upon the characteristics of each individual system of transportation.

(b) Conveyances used by members of the public primarily for recreational purposes rather than for transportation (e.g., amusement park rides, ski lifts, or historic rail cars or trolleys operated in museum settings) are not subject to the requirements of this part. Such conveyances are subject to the Board's regulations implementing the non-transportation provisions of title II or title III of the ADA, as applied by section 210 of the CAA, as applicable.

(c) Transportation services provided by an employer solely for its own employees are not subject to the requirements of this part. Such services are subject to the requirements of section 201 of the CAA .

§37.39 [Reserved]

SUBPART C—TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

§37.41 Construction of transportation facilities by public entities.

A public entity shall construct any new facility to be used in providing designated public transportation services so that the facility is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs. For purposes of this section, a facility or station is 'new' if its construction begins (i.e., issuance of notice to proceed) after December 31, 1996.

§37.43 Alteration of transportation facilities by public entity.

(a)(1) When a public entity alters an existing facility or a part of an existing facility used in providing designated public transportation services in a way that affects or could affect the usability of the facility or part of the facility, the entity shall make the alterations (or ensure that the alterations are made) in such a manner, to the maximum extent feasible, that the altered portions of the facility are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, upon the completion of such alterations.

(2) When a public entity undertakes an alteration that affects or could affect the usability of or access to an area of a facility containing a primary function, the entity shall make the alteration in such a manner that, to the maximum extent feasible, the path of travel to the altered area and the bathrooms, telephones, and drinking fountains serving the altered area are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, upon completion of the alterations. *Provided*, that alterations to the path of travel, drinking fountains, telephones and bathrooms are not required to be made readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, if the cost and scope of doing so would be disproportionate.

(3) The requirements of this paragraph also apply to the alteration of existing intercity or commuter rail stations by the responsible person for, owner of, or person in control of the station.

(4) The requirements of this section apply to any alteration which begins (i.e., issuance of notice to proceed or work order, as applicable) after December 31, 1996.

(b) As used in this section, the phrase *to the maximum extent feasible* applies to the occasional case where the nature of an existing

facility makes it impossible to comply fully with applicable accessibility standards through a planned alteration. In these circumstances, the entity shall provide the maximum physical accessibility feasible. Any altered features of the facility or portion of the facility that can be made accessible shall be made accessible. If providing accessibility to certain individuals with disabilities (e.g., those who use wheelchairs) would not be feasible, the facility shall be made accessible to individuals with other types of disabilities (e.g., those who use crutches, those who have impaired vision or hearing, or those who have other impairments).

(c) As used in this section, a *primary function* is a major activity for which the facility is intended. Areas of transportation facilities that involve primary functions include, but are not necessarily limited to, ticket purchase and collection areas, passenger waiting areas, train or bus platforms, baggage checking and return areas and employment areas (except those involving non-occupiable spaces accessed only by ladders, catwalks, crawl spaces, vary narrow passageways, or freight [non-passenger] elevators which are frequented only by repair personnel).

(d) As used in this section, a *path of travel* includes a continuous, unobstructed way of pedestrian passage by means of which the altered area may be approached, entered, and exited, and which connects the altered area with an exterior approach (including sidewalks, parking areas, and streets), an entrance to the facility, and other parts of the facility. The term also includes the restrooms, telephones, and drinking fountains serving the altered area. An accessible path of travel may include walks and sidewalks, curb ramps and other interior or exterior pedestrian ramps, clear floor paths through corridors, waiting areas, concourses, and other improved areas, parking access aisles, elevators and lifts, bridges, tunnels, or other passageways between platforms, or a combination of these and other elements.

(e)(1) Alterations made to provide an accessible path of travel to the altered area will be deemed disproportionate to the overall alteration when the cost exceeds 20 percent of the cost of the alteration to the primary function area (without regard to the costs of accessibility modifications).

(2) Costs that may be counted as expenditures required to provide an accessible path of travel include:

(i) Costs associated with providing an accessible entrance and an accessible route to the altered area (e.g., widening doorways and installing ramps);

(ii) Costs associated with making restrooms accessible (e.g., grab bars, enlarged toilet stalls, accessible faucet controls);

(iii) Costs associated with providing accessible telephones (e.g., relocation of phones to an accessible height, installation of amplification devices or TTYs);

(iv) Costs associated with relocating an inaccessible drinking fountain.

(f)(1) When the cost of alterations necessary to make a path of travel to the altered area fully accessible is disproportionate to the cost of the overall alteration, then such areas shall be made accessible to the maximum extent without resulting in disproportionate costs;

(2) In this situation, the public entity should give priority to accessible elements that will provide the greatest access, in the following order:

(i) An accessible entrance;

(ii) An accessible route to the altered area;

(iii) At least one accessible restroom for each sex or a single unisex restroom (where there are one or more restrooms);

(iv) Accessible telephones;

(v) Accessible drinking fountains;

(vi) When possible, other accessible elements (e.g., parking, storage, alarms).

(g) If a public entity performs a series of small alterations to the area served by a single path of travel rather than making the alterations as part of a single undertaking, it shall nonetheless be responsible for providing an accessible path of travel.

(h)(1) If an area containing a primary function has been altered without providing an accessible path of travel to that area, and subsequent alterations of that area, or a different area on the same path of travel, are undertaken within three years of the original alteration, the total cost of alteration to the primary function areas on that path of travel during the preceding three year period shall be considered in determining whether the cost of making that path of travel is disproportionate;

(2) For the first three years after January 1, 1997, only alterations undertaken between that date and the date of the alteration at issue shall be considered in determining if the cost of providing accessible features is disproportionate to the overall cost of the alteration.

(3) Only alterations undertaken after January 1, 1997, shall be considered in determining if the cost of providing an accessible path of travel is disproportionate to the overall cost of the alteration.

§37.45 Construction and alteration of transportation facilities by covered entities.

In constructing and altering transit facilities, covered entities shall comply with the regulations of the Board implementing title III of the ADA, as applied by section 210 of the CAA (part 36).

§37.47 Key stations in light and rapid rail systems.

(a) Each public entity that provides designated public transportation by means of a light or rapid rail system shall make key stations on its system readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs. This requirement is separate from and in addition to requirements set forth in §37.43 of this part.

(b) Each public entity shall determine which stations on its system are key stations. The entity shall identify key stations, using the planning and public participation process set forth in paragraph (d) of this section, and taking into consideration the following criteria:

(1) Stations where passenger boardings exceed average station passenger boardings on the rail system by at least fifteen percent, unless such a station is close to another accessible station;

(2) Transfer stations on a rail line or between rail lines;

(3) Major interchange points with other transportation modes, including stations connecting with major parking facilities, bus terminals, intercity or commuter rail stations, passenger vessel terminals, or airports;

(4) End stations, unless an end station is close to another accessible station; and

(5) Stations serving major activity centers, such as employment or government centers, institutions of higher education, hospitals or other major health care facilities, or other facilities that are major trip generators for individuals with disabilities.

(c)(1) Unless an entity receives an extension under paragraph (c)(2) of this section, the public entity shall achieve accessibility of key stations as soon as practicable, but in no case later than January 1, 2000, except that an entity is not required to complete installation of detectable warnings required by section 10.3.2(2) of appendix A to this part until January 1, 2001.

(2) The General Counsel may grant an extension of this completion date for key station accessibility for a period up to January 1, 2025, provided that two-thirds of key stations are made accessible by January 1, 2015. Extensions may be granted as provided in paragraph (e) of this section.

(d) The public entity shall develop a plan for compliance for this section. The plan shall be submitted to the General Counsel's office by July 1, 1997.

(1) The public entity shall consult with individuals with disabilities affected by the plan. The public entity also shall hold at least one public hearing on the plan and solicit comments on it. The plan submitted to General Counsel shall document this public participation, including summaries of the consultation with individuals with disabilities and the comments received at the hearing and during the comment period. The plan also shall summarize the public entity's responses to the comments and consultation.

(2) The plan shall establish milestones for the achievement of required accessibility of key stations, consistent with the requirements of this section.

(e) A public entity wishing to apply for an extension of the January 1, 2000, deadline for key station accessibility shall include a request for an extension with its plan submitted to the General Counsel under paragraph (d) of this section. Extensions may be granted only with respect to key stations which need extraordinarily expensive structural changes to, or replacement of, existing facilities (e.g., installations of elevators, raising the entire passenger platform, or alterations of similar magnitude and cost). Requests for extensions shall provide for completion of key station accessibility within the time limits set forth in paragraph (c) of this section. The General Counsel may approve, approve with conditions, modify, or disapprove any request for an extension.

§§37.49–37.59 [Reserved]

§37.61 Public transportation programs and activities in existing facilities.

(a) A public entity shall operate a designated public transportation program or activity conducted in an existing facility so that, when viewed in its entirety, the program or activity is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

(b) This section does not require a public entity to make structural changes to existing facilities in order to make the facilities accessible by individuals who use wheelchairs, unless and to the extent required by §37.43 (with respect to alterations) or §37.47 of this part (with respect to key stations). Entities shall comply with other applicable accessibility requirements for such facilities.

(c) Public entities, with respect to facilities that, as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, are not required to be made accessible to individuals who use wheelchairs, are not required to provide to such individuals services made available to the general public at such facilities when the individuals could not utilize or benefit from the services.

§§37.63–37.69 [Reserved]

SUBPART D—ACQUISITION OF ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES BY PUBLIC ENTITIES.

§37.71 Purchase or lease of new non-rail vehicles by public entities operating fixed route systems.

(a) Except as provided elsewhere in this section, each public entity operating a fixed route system making a solicitation after January 31, 1997, to purchase or lease a new bus or other new vehicle for use on the system, shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(b) A public entity may purchase or lease a new bus that is not readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, if it applies for, and the General Counsel grants, a waiver as provided for in this section.

(c) Before submitting a request for such a waiver, the public entity shall hold at least one public hearing concerning the proposed request.

(d) The General Counsel may grant a request for such a waiver if the public entity demonstrates to the General Counsel's satisfaction that—

(1) The initial solicitation for new buses made by the public entity specified that all new buses were to be lift-equipped and were to be otherwise accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities;

(2) Hydraulic, electromechanical, or other lifts for such new buses could not be provided by any qualified lift manufacturer to the manufacturer of such new buses in sufficient time to comply with the solicitation; and

(3) Any further delay in purchasing new buses equipped with such necessary lifts would significantly impair transportation services in the community served by the public entity.

(e) The public entity shall include with its waiver request a copy of the initial solicitation and written documentation from the bus manufacturer of its good faith efforts to obtain lifts in time to comply with the solicitation, and a full justification for the assertion that the delay in bus procurement needed to obtain a lift-equipped bus would significantly impair transportation services in the community. This documentation shall include a specific date at which the lifts could be supplied, copies of advertisements in trade publications and inquiries to trade associations seeking lifts, and documentation of the public hearing.

(f) Any waiver granted by the General Counsel under this section shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) The waiver shall apply only to the particular bus delivery to which the waiver request pertains;

(2) The waiver shall include a termination date, which will be based on information concerning when lifts will become available for installation on the new buses the public entity is purchasing. Buses delivered after this date, even though procured under a solicitation to which a waiver applied, shall be equipped with lifts;

(3) Any bus obtained subject to the waiver shall be capable of accepting a lift, and the public entity shall install a lift as soon as soon as one becomes available;

(4) Such other terms and conditions as the General Counsel may impose.

(g)(1) When the General Counsel grants a waiver under this section, he/she shall promptly notify any appropriate committees of Congress.

(2) If the General Counsel has reasonable cause to believe that a public entity fraudulently applied for a waiver under this section, the General Counsel shall:

(i) Cancel the waiver if it is still in effect; and

(ii) Take other appropriate action.

§37.73 Purchase or lease of used non-rail vehicles by public entities operating a fixed route system.

(a) Except as provided elsewhere in this section, each public entity operating a fixed route system purchasing or leasing, after January 31, 1997, a used bus or other used vehicle for use on the system, shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(b) A public entity may purchase or lease a used vehicle for use on its fixed route system that is not readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities if, after making demonstrated good faith efforts to obtain an accessible vehicle, it is unable to do so.

(c) Good faith efforts shall include at least the following steps:

(1) An initial solicitation for used vehicles specifying that all used vehicles are to be lift-equipped and otherwise accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, or, if an initial solicitation is not used, a documented communication so stating;

(2) A nationwide search for accessible vehicles, involving specific inquiries to used vehicle dealers and other transit providers; and

(3) Advertising in trade publications and contacting trade associations.

(d) Each public entity purchasing or leasing used vehicles that are not readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities shall retain documentation of the specific good faith efforts it made for three years from the date the vehicles were purchased. These records shall be made available, on request, to the General Counsel and the public.

§37.75 Remanufacture of non-rail vehicles and purchase or lease of remanufactured non-rail vehicles by public entities operating fixed route systems.

(a) This section applies to any public entity operating a fixed route system which takes one of the following actions:

(1) After January 31, 1997, remanufactures a bus or other vehicle so as to extend its useful life for five years or more or makes a solicitation for such remanufacturing; or

(2) Purchases or leases a bus or other vehicle which has been remanufactured so as to extend its useful life for five years or more, where the purchase or lease occurs after January 31, 1997, and during the period in which the useful life of the vehicle is extended.

(b) Vehicles acquired through the actions listed in paragraph (a) of this section shall, to the maximum extent feasible, be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(c) For purposes of this section, it shall be considered feasible to remanufacture a bus or other motor vehicle so as to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, unless an engineering analysis demonstrates that including accessibility features required by this part would have a significant adverse effect on the structural integrity of the vehicle.

(d) If a public entity operates a fixed route system, any segment of which is included on the National Register of Historic Places, and if making a vehicle of historic character used solely on such segment readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities would significantly alter the historic character of such vehicle, the public entity has only to make (or purchase or lease a remanufactured vehicle with) those modifications to make the vehicle accessible which do not alter the historic character of such vehicle, in consultation with the National Register of Historic Places.

(e) A public entity operating a fixed route system as described in paragraph (d) of this section may apply in writing to the General Counsel for a determination of the historic character of the vehicle. The General Counsel shall refer such requests to the National Register of Historic Places, and shall rely on its advice in making determinations of the historic character of the vehicle.

§37.77 Purchase or lease of new non-rail vehicles by public entities operating a demand responsive system for the general public.

(a) Except as provided in this section, a public entity operating a demand responsive system for the general public making a solicitation after January 31, 1997, to purchase or lease a new bus or other new vehicle for use on the system, shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(b) If the system, when viewed in its entirety, provides a level of service to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, equivalent to the level of service it provides to individuals without disabilities, it may purchase new vehicles that are not readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

(c) For purposes of this section, a demand responsive system, when viewed in its entirety, shall be deemed to provide equivalent service if the service available to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, is provided in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of the individual and is equivalent to the service provided other individuals with respect to the following service characteristics:

(1) Response time;

(2) Fares;

(3) Geographic area of service;

(4) Hours and days of service;

(5) Restrictions or priorities based on trip purpose;

(6) Availability of information and reservations capability; and

(7) Any constraints on capacity or service availability.

(d) A public entity, which determines that its service to individuals with disabilities is equivalent to that provided other persons shall, before any procurement of an inaccessible vehicle, make a certificate that it provides equivalent service meeting the standards of paragraph (c) of this section. A public entity shall make such a certificate and retain it in its files, subject to inspection on request of the General Counsel. All certificates under this paragraph may be made in connection with a particular procurement or in advance of a procurement; however, no certificate shall be valid for more than one year.

(e) The waiver mechanism set forth in §37.71(b)–(g) (unavailability of lifts) of this subpart shall also be available to public entities operating a demand responsive system for the general public.

§37.79 Purchase or lease of new rail vehicles by public entities operating rapid or light rail systems.

Each public entity operating a rapid or light rail system making a solicitation after January 31, 1997, to purchase or lease a new rapid or light rail vehicle for use on the system shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

§37.81 Purchase or lease of used rail vehicles by public entities operating rapid or light rail systems.

(a) Except as provided elsewhere in this section, each public entity operating a rapid or light rail system which, after January 31, 1997, purchases or leases a used rapid or light rail vehicle for use on the system shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(b) A public entity may purchase or lease a used rapid or light rail vehicle for use on its rapid or light rail system that is not readily accessible to and usable by individuals if, after making demonstrated good faith efforts to obtain an accessible vehicle, it is unable to do so.

(c) Good faith efforts shall include at least the following steps:

(1) The initial solicitation for used vehicles made by the public entity specifying that all

used vehicles were to be accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, or, if a solicitation is not used, a documented communication so stating;

(2) A nationwide search for accessible vehicles, involving specific inquiries to manufacturers and other transit providers; and

(3) Advertising in trade publications and contacting trade associations.

(d) Each public entity purchasing or leasing used rapid or light rail vehicles that are not readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities shall retain documentation of the specific good faith efforts it made for three years from the date the vehicles were purchased. These records shall be made available, on request, to the General Counsel and the public.

§37.83 Remanufacture of rail vehicles and purchase or lease of remanufactured rail vehicles by public entities operating rapid or light rail systems.

(a) This section applies to any public entity operating a rapid or light rail system which takes one of the following actions:

(1) After January 31, 1997, remanufactures a light or rapid rail vehicle so as to extend its useful life for five years or more or makes a solicitation for such remanufacturing;

(2) Purchases or leases a light or rapid rail vehicle which has been remanufactured so as to extend its useful life for five years or more, where the purchase or lease occurs after January 31, 1997, and during the period in which the useful life of the vehicle is extended.

(b) Vehicles acquired through the actions listed in paragraph (a) of this section shall, to the maximum extent feasible, be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(c) For purposes of this section, it shall be considered feasible to remanufacture a rapid or light rail vehicle so as to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, unless an engineering analysis demonstrates that doing so would have a significant adverse effect on the structural integrity of the vehicle.

(d) If a public entity operates a rapid or light rail system any segment of which is included on the National Register of Historic Places and if making a rapid or light rail vehicle of historic character used solely on such segment readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities would significantly alter the historic character of such vehicle, the public entity need only make (or purchase or lease a remanufactured vehicle with) those modifications that do not alter the historic character of such vehicle.

(e) A public entity operating a fixed route system as described in paragraph (d) of this section may apply in writing to the General Counsel for a determination of the historic character of the vehicle. The General Counsel shall refer such requests to the National Register of Historic Places and shall rely on its advice in making a determination of the historic character of the vehicle.

§§37.85–37.91 [Reserved]

§37.93 One car per train rule.

(a) The definition of accessible for purposes of meeting the one car per train rule is spelled out in the applicable subpart for each transportation system type in part 38 of these regulations.

(b) Each public entity providing light or rapid rail service shall ensure that each train, consisting of two or more vehicles, includes at least one car that is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, as soon as practicable but in no case later than December 31, 2001.

§37.95 [Reserved]

§§37.97–37.99 [Reserved]

SUBPART E—ACQUISITION OF ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES BY COVERED ENTITIES

§37.101 Purchase or lease of vehicles by covered entities not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people.

(a) *Application.* This section applies to all purchases or leases of vehicles by covered entities which are not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people, in which a solicitation for the vehicle is made after January 31, 1997.

(b) *Fixed Route System, Vehicle Capacity Over 16.* If the entity operates a fixed route system and purchases or leases a vehicle with a seating capacity of over 16 passengers (including the driver) for use on the system, it shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(c) *Fixed Route System, Vehicle Capacity of 16 or Fewer.* If the entity operates a fixed route system and purchases or leases a vehicle with a seating capacity of 16 or fewer passengers (including the driver) for use on the system, it shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, unless the system, when viewed in its entirety, meets the standard for equivalent service of §37.105 of this part.

(d) *Demand Responsive System, Vehicle Capacity Over 16.* If the entity operates a demand responsive system, and purchases or leases a vehicle with a seating capacity of over 16 passengers (including the driver) for use on the system, it shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, unless the system, when viewed in its entirety, meets the standard for equivalent service of §37.105 of this part.

(e) *Demand Responsive System, Vehicle Capacity of 16 or Fewer.* Entities providing demand responsive transportation covered under this section are not specifically required to ensure that new vehicles with seating capacity of 16 or fewer are accessible to individuals with wheelchairs. These entities are required to ensure that their systems, when viewed in their entirety, meet the equivalent service requirements of §§37.171 and 37.105, regardless of whether or not the entities purchase a new vehicle.

§37.103 [Reserved]

§37.105 Equivalent service standard.

For purposes of § 37.101 of this part, a fixed route system or demand responsive system, when viewed in its entirety, shall be deemed to provide equivalent service if the service available to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, is provided in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of the individual and is equivalent to the service provided other individuals with respect to the following service characteristics:

(a) (1) Schedules/headways (if the system is fixed route);

(2) Response time (if the system is demand responsive);

(b) Fares;

(c) Geographic area of service;

(d) Hours and days of service;

(e) Availability of information;

(f) Reservations capability (if the system is demand responsive);

(g) Any constraints on capacity or service availability;

(h) Restrictions priorities based on trip purpose (if the system is demand responsive).

§§37.107–37.109 [Reserved]

§§37.111–37.119 [Reserved]

SUBPART F—PARATRANSIT AS A COMPLEMENT TO FIXED ROUTE SERVICE

§37.121 Requirement for comparable complementary paratransit service.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, each public entity operating a fixed route system shall provide paratransit or other special service to individuals with disabilities that is comparable to the level of service provided to individuals without disabilities who use the fixed route system.

(b) To be deemed comparable to fixed route service, a complementary paratransit system shall meet the requirements of §§37.123–37.133 of this subpart. The requirement to comply with §37.131 may be modified in accordance with the provisions of this subpart relating to undue financial burden.

(c) Requirements for complementary paratransit do not apply to commuter bus systems.

§37.123 CAA paratransit eligibility—standards.

(a) Public entities required by §37.121 of this subpart to provide complementary paratransit service shall provide the service to the CAA paratransit eligible individuals described in paragraph (e) of this section.

(b) If an individual meets the eligibility criteria of this section with respect to some trips but not others, the individual shall be CAA paratransit eligible only for those trips for which he or she meets the criteria.

(c) Individuals may be CAA paratransit eligible on the basis of a permanent or temporary disability.

(d) Public entities may provide complementary paratransit service to persons other than CAA paratransit eligible individuals. However, only the cost of service to CAA paratransit eligible individuals may be considered in a public entity's request for an undue financial burden waiver under §§37.151–37.155 of this part.

(e) The following individuals are CAA paratransit eligible:

(1) Any individual with a disability who is unable, as the result of a physical or mental impairment (including a vision impairment), and without the assistance of another individual (except the operator of a wheelchair lift or other boarding assistance device), to board, ride, or disembark from any vehicle on the system which is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

(2) Any individual with a disability who needs the assistance of a wheelchair lift or other boarding assistance device and is able, with such assistance, to board, ride and disembark from any vehicle which is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities if the individual wants to travel on a route on the system during the hours of operation of the system at a time, or within a reasonable period of such time, when such a vehicle is not being used to provide designated public transportation on the route.

(i) An individual is eligible under this paragraph with respect to travel on an otherwise accessible route on which the boarding or disembarking location which the individual would use is one at which boarding or disembarking from the vehicle is precluded as provided in § 37.167(g) of this part.

(ii) An individual using a common wheelchair is eligible under this paragraph if the individual's wheelchair cannot be accommodated on an existing vehicle (e.g., because the vehicle's lift does not meet the standards of part 38 of these regulations), even if that vehicle is accessible to other individuals with disabilities and their mobility wheelchairs.

(iii) With respect to rail systems, an individual is eligible under this paragraph if the

individual could use an accessible rail system, but

(A) there is not yet one accessible car per train on the system; or

(B) key stations have not yet been made accessible.

(3) Any individual with a disability who has a specific impairment-related condition which prevents such individual from traveling to a boarding location or from a disembarking location on such system.

(i) Only a specific impairment-related condition which prevents the individual from traveling to a boarding location or from a disembarking location is a basis for eligibility under this paragraph. A condition which makes traveling to boarding location or from a disembarking location more difficult for a person with a specific impairment-related condition than for an individual who does not have the condition, but does not prevent the travel, is not a basis for eligibility under this paragraph.

(ii) Architectural barriers not under the control of the public entity providing fixed route service and environmental barriers (e.g., distance, terrain, weather) do not, standing alone, form a basis for eligibility under this paragraph. The interaction of such barriers with an individual's specific impairment-related condition may form a basis for eligibility under this paragraph, if the effect is to prevent the individual from traveling to a boarding location or from a disembarking location.

(f) Individuals accompanying a CAA paratransit eligible individual shall be provided service as follows:

(1) One other individual accompanying the CAA paratransit eligible individual shall be provided service.

(i) If the CAA paratransit eligible individual is traveling with a personal care attendant, the entity shall provide service to one other individual in addition to the attendant who is accompanying the eligible individual.

(ii) A family member or friend is regarded as a person accompanying the eligible individual, and not as a personal care attendant, unless the family member or friend registered is acting in the capacity of a personal care attendant;

(2) Additional individuals accompanying the CAA paratransit eligible individual shall be provided service, provided that space is available for them on the paratransit vehicle carrying the CAA paratransit eligible individual and that transportation of the additional individuals will not result in a denial of service to CAA paratransit eligible individuals.

(3) In order to be considered as ''accompanying'' the eligible individual for purposes of this paragraph, the other individual(s) shall have the same origin and destination as the eligible individual.

§37.125 CAA paratransit eligibility: process.

Each public entity required to provide complementary paratransit service by § 37.121 of this part shall establish a process for determining CAA paratransit eligibility.

(a) The process shall strictly limit CAA paratransit eligibility to individuals specified in §37.123 of this part.

(b) All information about the process, materials necessary to apply for eligibility, and notices and determinations concerning eligibility shall be made available in accessible formats, upon request.

(c) If, by a date 21 days following the submission of a complete application, the entity has not made a determination of eligibility, the applicant shall be treated as eligible and provided service until and unless the entity denies the application.

(d) The entity's determination concerning eligibility shall be in writing. If the determination is that the individual is ineligible, the determination shall state the reasons for the finding.

(e) The public entity shall provide documentation to each eligible individual stating that he or she is ''CAA Paratransit Eligible.'' The documentation shall include the name of the eligible individual, the name of the transit provider, the telephone number of the entity's paratransit coordinator, an expiration date for eligibility, and any conditions or limitations on the individual's eligibility including the use of a personal care attendant.

(f) The entity may require recertification of the eligibility of CAA paratransit eligible individuals at reasonable intervals.

(g) The entity shall establish an administrative appeal process through which individuals who are denied eligibility can obtain review of the denial.

(1) The entity may require that an appeal be filed within 60 days of the denial of an individual's application.

(2) The process shall include an opportunity to be heard and to present information and arguments, separation of functions (i.e., a decision by a person not involved with the initial decision to deny eligibility), and written notification of the decision, and the reasons for it;

(3) The entity is not required to provide paratransit service to the individual pending the determination on appeal. However, if the entity has not made a decision within 30 days of the completion of the appeal process, the entity shall provide paratransit service from that time until and unless a decision to deny the appeal is issued.

(h) The entity may establish an administrative process to suspend, for a reasonable period of time, the provision of complementary paratransit service to CAA eligible individuals who establish a pattern or practice of missing scheduled trips.

(1) Trips missed by the individual for reasons beyond his or her control (including, but not limited to, trips which are missed due to operator error) shall not be a basis for determining that such a pattern or practice exists.

(2) Before suspending service, the entity shall take the following steps:

(i) Notify the individual in writing that the entity proposes to suspend service, citing with specificity the basis of the proposed suspension and setting forth the proposed sanction;

(ii) Provide the individual an opportunity to be heard and to present information and arguments;

(iii) Provide the individual with written notification of the decision and the reasons for it.

(3) The appeals process of paragraph (g) of this section is available to an individual on whom sanctions have been imposed under this paragraph. The sanction is stayed pending the outcome of the appeal.

(i) In applications for CAA paratransit eligibility, the entity may require the applicant to indicate whether or not he or she travels with a personal care attendant.

§37.127 Complementary paratransit service for visitors.

(a) Each public entity required to provide complementary paratransit service under § 37.121 of this part shall make the service available to visitors as provided in this section.

(b) For purposes of this section, a visitor is an individual with disabilities who does not reside in the jurisdiction(s) served by the public entity or other entities with which the public entity provides coordinated complementary paratransit service within a region.

(c) Each public entity shall treat as eligible for its complementary paratransit service all visitors who present documentation that they are CAA paratransit eligible, under the criteria of § 37.125 of this part, in the jurisdiction in which they reside.

(d) With respect to visitors with disabilities who do not present such documentation, the public entity may require the documentation of the individual's place of residence and, if the individual's disability is not apparent, of his or her disability. The entity shall provide paratransit service to individuals with disabilities who qualify as visitors under paragraph (b) of this section. The entity shall accept a certification by such individuals that they are unable to use fixed route transit.

(e) A public entity shall make the service to a visitor required by this section available for any combination of 21 days during any 365-day period beginning with the visitor's first use of the service during such 365-day period. In no case shall the public entity require a visitor to apply for or receive eligibility certification from the public entity before receiving the service required by this section.

§37.129 Types of service.

(a) Except as provided in this section, complementary paratransit service for CAA paratransit eligible persons shall be origin-to-destination service.

(b) Complementary paratransit service for CAA paratransit eligible persons described in §37.123(e)(2) of this part may also be provided by on-call bus service or paratransit feeder service to an accessible fixed route, where such service enables the individual to use the fixed route bus system for his or her trip.

(c) Complementary paratransit service for CAA eligible persons described in §37.123 (e)(3) of this part also may be provided by paratransit feeder service to and/or from an accessible fixed route.

§37.131 Service criteria for complementary paratransit.

The following service criteria apply to complementary paratransit required by §37.121 of this part.

(a) *Service Area*—(1) Bus. (i) The entity shall provide complementary paratransit service to origins and destinations within corridors with a width of three-fourths of a mile on each side of each fixed route. The corridor shall include an area with a three-fourths of a mile radius at the ends of each fixed route.

(ii) Within the core service area, the entity also shall provide service to small areas not inside any of the corridors but which are surrounded by corridors.

(iii) Outside the core service area, the entity may designate corridors with widths from three-fourths of a mile up to one and one-half miles on each side of a fixed route, based on local circumstances.

(iv) For purposes of this paragraph, the core service area is that area in which corridors with a width of three-fourths of a mile on each side of each fixed route merge together such that, with few and small exceptions, all origins and destinations within the area would be served.

(2) *Rail.* (i) For rail systems, the service area shall consist of a circle with a radius of a mile around each station.

(ii) At end stations and other stations in outlying areas, the entity may designate circles with radii of up to 1½ miles as part of its service area, based on local circumstances.

(3) *Jurisdictional Boundaries.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, an entity is not required to provide paratransit service in an area outside the boundaries of the jurisdiction(s) in which it operates, if the entity does not have legal authority to operate in that area. The entity shall take all

practicable steps to provide paratransit service to any part of its service area.

(b) *Response Time.* The entity shall schedule and provide paratransit service to any CAA paratransit eligible person at any requested time on a particular day in response to a request for service made the previous day. Reservations may be taken by reservation agents or by mechanical means.

(1) The entity shall make reservation service available during at least all normal business hours of the entity's administrative offices, as well as during times, comparable to normal business hours, on a day when the entity's offices are not open before a service day.

(2) The entity may negotiate pickup times with the individual, but the entity shall not require a CAA paratransit eligible individual to schedule a trip to begin more than one hour before or after the individual's desired departure time.

(3) The entity may use real-time scheduling in providing complementary paratransit service.

(4) The entity may permit advance reservations to be made up to 14 days in advance of a CAA paratransit eligible individual's desired trips. When an entity proposes to change its reservations system, it shall comply with the public participation requirements equivalent to those of §37.131(b) and (c).

(c) *Fares.* The fare for a trip charged to a CAA paratransit eligible user of the complementary paratransit service shall not exceed twice the fare that would be charged to an individual paying full fare (i.e., without regard to discounts) for a trip of similar length, at a similar time of day, on the entity's fixed route system.

(1) In calculating the full fare that would be paid by an individual using the fixed route system, the entity may include transfer and premium charges applicable to a trip of similar length, at a similar time of day, on the fixed route system.

(2) The fares for individuals accompanying CAA paratransit eligible individuals, who are provided service under §37.123 (f) of this part, shall be the same as for the CAA paratransit eligible individuals they are accompanying.

(3) A personal care attendant shall not be charged for complementary paratransit service.

(4) The entity may charge a fare higher than otherwise permitted by this paragraph to a social service agency or other organization for agency trips (i.e., trips guaranteed to the organization).

(d) *Trip Purpose Restrictions.* The entity shall not impose restrictions or priorities based on trip purpose.

(e) *Hours and Days of Service.* The complementary paratransit service shall be available throughout the same hours and days as the entity's fixed route service.

(f) *Capacity Constraints.* The entity shall not limit the availability of complementary paratransit service to CAA paratransit eligible individuals by any of the following:

(1) Restrictions on the number of trips an individual will be provided;

(2) Waiting lists for access to the service; or

(3) Any operational pattern or practice that significantly limits the availability of service to CAA paratransit eligible persons.

(i) Such patterns or practices include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) Substantial numbers of significantly untimely pickups for initial or return trips;

(B) Substantial numbers of trip denials or missed trips;

(C) Substantial numbers of trips with excessive trip lengths.

(ii) Operational problems attributable to causes beyond the control of the entity (including, but not limited to, weather or traffic conditions affecting all vehicular traffic that were not anticipated at the time a trip was scheduled) shall not be a basis for determining that such a pattern or practice exists.

(g) *Additional Service.* Public entities may provide complementary paratransit service to CAA paratransit eligible individuals exceeding that provided for in this section. However, only the cost of service provided for in this section may be considered in a public entity's request for an undue financial burden waiver under §§37.151–37.155 of this part.

§37.133 Subscription Service.

(a) This part does not prohibit the use of subscription service by public entities as part of a complementary paratransit system, subject to the limitations in this section.

(b) Subscription service may not absorb more than fifty percent of the number of trips available at a given time of day, unless there is excess non-subscription capacity.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, the entity may establish waiting lists or other capacity constraints and trip purpose restrictions or priorities for participation in the subscription service only.

§37.135 Submission of paratransit plan.

(a) *General.* Each public entity operating fixed route transportation service, which is required by §37.121 to provide complementary paratransit service, shall develop a paratransit plan.

(b) *Initial Submission.* Except as provided in §37.141 of this part, each entity shall submit its initial plan for compliance with the complementary paratransit service provision by June 1, 1998, to the appropriate location identified in paragraph (f) of this section.

(c) *Annual Updates.* Except as provided in this paragraph, each entity shall submit its annual update to the plan on June 1 of each succeeding year.

(1) If an entity has met and is continuing to meet all requirements for complementary paratransit in §§37.121–37.133 of this part, the entity may submit to the General Counsel an annual certification of continued compliance in lieu of a plan update. Entities that have submitted a joint plan under §37.141 may submit a joint certification under this paragraph. The requirements of §§37.137(a) and (b), 37.138 and 37.139 do not apply when a certification is submitted under this paragraph.

(2) In the event of any change in circumstances that results in an entity which has submitted a certification of continued compliance falling short of compliance with §§37.121–37.133, the entity shall immediately notify the General Counsel in writing of the problem. In this case, the entity shall also file a plan update meeting the requirements of §§37.137–37.139 of this part on the next following June 1 and in each succeeding year until the entity returns to full compliance.

(3) An entity that has demonstrated undue financial burden to the General Counsel shall file a plan update meeting the requirements of §§37.137–37.139 of this part on each June 1 until full compliance with §§37.121–37.133 is attained.

(4) If the General Counsel reasonably believes that an entity may not be fully complying with all service criteria, the General Counsel may require the entity to provide an annual update to its plan.

(d) *Phase-in of Implementation.* Each plan shall provide for full compliance by no later than June 1, 2003, unless the entity has received a waiver based on undue financial burden. If the date for full compliance specified in the plan is after June 1, 1999, the plan shall include milestones, providing for measured, proportional progress toward full compliance.

(e) *Plan Implementation.* Each entity shall begin implementation of its plan on June 1, 1998.

(f) *Submission Locations.* An entity shall submit its plan to the General Counsel's office.

§37.137 Paratransit plan development.

(a) *Survey of existing services.* Each submitting entity shall survey the area to be covered by the plan to identify any person or entity (public or covered) which provides a paratransit or other special transportation service for CAA paratransit eligible individuals in the service area to which the plan applies.

(b) *Public participation.*

Each submitting entity shall ensure public participation in the development of its paratransit plan, including at least the following:

(1) *Outreach.* Each submitting entity shall solicit participation in the development of its plan by the widest range of persons anticipated to use its paratransit service. Each entity shall develop contacts, mailing lists and other appropriate means for notification of opportunities to participate in the development of the paratransit plan.

(2) *Consultation with individuals with disabilities.* Each entity shall contact individuals with disabilities and groups representing them in the community. Consultation shall begin at an early stage in the plan development and should involve persons with disabilities in all phases of plan development. All documents and other information concerning the planning procedure and the provision of service shall be available, upon request, to members of the pubic, except where disclosure would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(3) *Opportunity for public comment.* The submitting entity shall make its plan available for review before the plan is finalized. In making the plan available for public review, the entity shall ensure that the plan is available upon request in accessible formats.

(4) *Public hearing.* The entity shall sponsor at a minimum one public hearing and shall provide adequate notice of the hearing, including advertisement in appropriate media, such as newspapers of general and special interest circulation and radio announcements; and

(5) *Special requirements.* If the entity intends to phase-in its paratransit service over a multi-year period, or request a waiver based on undue financial burden, the public hearing shall afford the opportunity for interested citizens to express their views concerning the phase-in, the request, and which service criteria may be delayed in implementation.

(c) *Ongoing requirement.* The entity shall create an ongoing mechanism for the participation of individuals with disabilities in the continued development and assessment of services to persons with disabilities. This includes, but is not limited to, the development of the initial plan, any request for an undue financial burden waiver, and each annual submission.

§37.139 Plan contents.

Each plan shall contain the following information:

(a) Identification of the entity or entities submitting the plan, specifying for each

(1) Name and address; and

(2) Contact person for the plan, with telephone number and facsimile telephone number (FAX), if applicable.

(b) A description of the fixed route system as of January 1, 1997 (or subsequent year for annual updates), including—

(1) A description of the service area, route structure, days and hours of service, fare structure, and population served. This includes maps and tables, if appropriate;

(2) The total number of vehicles (bus, van, or rail) operated in fixed route service (including contracted service), and percentage of accessible vehicles and percentage of routes accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, including persons who use wheelchairs;

(3) Any other information about the fixed route service that is relevant to establishing the basis for comparability of fixed route and paratransit service.

(c) A description of existing paratransit services, including:

(1) An inventory of service provided by the public entity submitting the plan;

(2) An inventory of service provided by other agencies or organizations, which may in whole or in part be used to meet the requirement for complementary paratransit service; and

(3) A description of the available paratransit services in paragraphs (c)(2) and (c)(3) of this section as they relate to the service criteria described in §37.131 of this part of service area, response time, fares, restrictions on trip purpose, hours and days of service, and capacity constraints; and to the requirements of CAA paratransit eligibility.

(d) A description of the plan to provide comparable paratransit, including:

(1) An estimate of demand for comparable paratransit service by CAA eligible individuals and a brief description of the demand estimation methodology used;

(2) An analysis of differences between the paratransit service currently provided and what is required under this part by the entity(ies) submitting the plan and other entities, as described in paragraph (c) of this section;

(3) A brief description of planned modifications to existing paratransit and fixed route service and the new paratransit service planned to comply with the CAA paratransit service criteria;

(4) A description of the planned comparable paratransit service as it relates to each of the service criteria described in § 37.131 of this part-service area, absence of restrictions or priorities based on trip purpose, response time, fares, hours and days of service, and lack of capacity constraints. If the paratransit plan is to be phased in, this paragraph shall be coordinated with the information being provided in paragraphs (d)(5) and (d)(6) of this paragraph;

(5) A timetable for implementing comparable paratransit service, with a specific date indicating when the planned service will be completely operational. In no case may full implementation be completed later than June 1, 2003. The plan shall include milestones for implementing phases of the plan, with progress that can be objectively measured yearly;

(6) A budget for comparable paratransit service, including capital and operating expenditures over five years.

(e) A description of the process used to certify individuals with disabilities as CAA paratransit eligible. At a minimum, this must include—

(1) A description of the application and certification process, including—

(i) The availability of information about the process and application materials in accessible formats;

(ii) The process for determining eligibility according to the provisions of §§37.123–37.125 of this part and notifying individuals of the determination made;

(iii) The entity's system and timetable for processing applications and allowing presumptive eligibility; and

(iv) The documentation given to eligible individuals.

(2) A description of the administrative appeals process for individuals denied eligibility.

(3) A policy for visitors, consistent with §37.127 of this part.

(f) Description of the public participation process including—

(1) Notice given of opportunity for public comment, the date(s) of completed public hearing(s), availability of the plan in accessible formats, outreach efforts, and consultation with persons with disabilities.

(2) A summary of significant issues raised during the public comment period, along with a response to significant comments and discussion of how the issues were resolved.

(g) Efforts to coordinate service with other entities subject to the complementary paratransit requirements of this part which have overlapping or contiguous service areas or jurisdictions.

(h) The following endorsements or certifications:

(1) a resolution adopted by the entity authorizing the plan, as submitted. If more than one entity is submitting the plan there must be an authorizing resolution from each board. If the entity does not function with a board, a statement shall be submitted by the entity's chief executive;

(2) a certification that the survey of existing paratransit service was conducted as required in § 37.137(a) of this part;

(3) To the extent service provided by other entities is included in the entity's plan for comparable paratransit service, the entity must certify that:

(i) CAA paratransit eligible individuals have access to the service;

(ii) The service is provided in the manner represented; and

(iii) Efforts will be made to coordinate the provision of paratransit service by other providers.

(i) a request for a waiver based on undue financial burden, if applicable. The waiver request should include information sufficient for the General Counsel to consider the factors in § 37.155 of this part. If a request for an undue financial burden waiver is made, the plan must include a description of additional paratransit services that would be provided to achieve full compliance with the requirement for comparable paratransit in the event the waiver is not granted, and the timetable for the implementation of these additional services.

(j) *Annual plan updates.* (1) The annual plan updates submitted June 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, shall include information necessary to update the information requirements of this section. Information submitted annually must include all significant changes and revisions to the timetable for implementation;

(2) If the paratransit service is being phased in over more than one year, the entity must demonstrate that the milestones identified in the current paratransit plans have been achieved. If the milestones have not been achieved, the plan must explain any slippage and what actions are being taken to compensate for the slippage.

(3) The annual plan must describe specifically the means used to comply with the public participation requirements, as described in § 37.137 of this part.

§37.141 Requirements for a joint paratransit plan.

(a) Two or more public entities with overlapping or contiguous service areas or jurisdictions may develop and submit a joint plan providing for coordinated paratransit service. Joint plans shall identify the participating entities and indicate their commitment to participate in the plan.

(b) To the maximum extent feasible, all elements of the coordinated plan shall be submitted on June 1, 1998. If a coordinated plan is not completed by June 1, 1998, those entities intending to coordinate paratransit service must submit a general statement declaring their intention to provide coordinated service and each element of the plan specified in § 37.139 to the extent practicable. In addition, the plan must include the following certifications from each entity involved in the coordination effort:

(1) a certification that the entity is committed to providing CAA paratransit service as part of a coordinated plan.

(2) a certification from each public entity participating in the plan that it will maintain current levels of paratransit service until the coordinated plan goes into effect.

(c) Entities submitting the above certifications and plan elements in lieu of a completed plan on June 1, 1998, must submit a complete plan by December 1, 1998.

(d) Filing of an individual plan does not preclude an entity from cooperating with other entities in the development or implementation of a joint plan. An entity wishing to join with other entities after its initial submission may do so by meeting the filing requirements of this section.

§37.143 Paratransit plan implementation.

(a) Each entity shall begin implementation of its complementary paratransit plan, pending notice from the General Counsel. The implementation of the plan shall be consistent with the terms of the plan, including any specified phase-in period.

(b) If the plan contains a request for a waiver based on undue financial burden, the entity shall begin implementation of its plan, pending a determination on its waiver request.

§37.145 [Reserved]

§37.147 Considerations during General Counsel review.

In reviewing each plan, at a minimum the General Counsel will consider the following:

(a) Whether the plan was filed on time;

(b) Comments submitted by the state, if applicable;

(c) Whether the plan contains responsive elements for each component required under § 37.139 of this part;

(d) Whether the plan, when viewed in its entirety, provides for paratransit service comparable to the entity's fixed route service;

(e) Whether the entity complied with the public participation efforts required by this part; and

(f) The extent to which efforts were made to coordinate with other public entities with overlapping or contiguous service areas or jurisdictions.

§37.149 Disapproved plans.

(a) If a plan is disapproved in whole or in part, the General Counsel will specify which provisions are disapproved. Each entity shall amend its plan consistent with this information and resubmit the plan to the General Counsel's office within 90 days of receipt of the disapproval letter.

(b) Each entity revising its plan shall continue to comply with the public participation requirements applicable to the initial development of the plan (set out in §37.137 of this part).

§37.151 Waiver for undue financial burden.

If compliance with the service criteria of §37.131 of this part creates an undue financial burden, an entity may request a waiver from all or some of the provisions if the entity has complied with the public participation requirements in §37.137 of this part and if the following conditions apply:

(a) At the time of submission of the initial plan on June 1, 1998

(1) The entity determines that it cannot meet all of the service criteria by June 1, 2003; or

(2) The entity determines that it cannot make measured progress toward compliance in any year before full compliance is required. For purposes of this part, measured progress means implementing milestones as scheduled, such as incorporating an additional paratransit service criterion or improving an aspect of a specific service criterion.

(b) At the time of its annual plan update submission, if the entity believes that circumstances have changed since its last submission, and it is no longer able to comply by June 1, 2003, or make measured progress in any year before 2003, as described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

§37.153 General Counsel waiver determination.

(a) The General Counsel will determine whether to grant a waiver for undue financial burden on a case-by-case basis, after considering the factors identified in §37.155 of this part and the information accompanying the request. If necessary, the General Counsel will return the application with a request for additional information.

(b) Any waiver granted will be for a limited and specified period of time. (c) If the General Counsel grants the applicant a waiver, the General Counsel will do one of the following:

(1) Require the public entity to provide complementary paratransit to the extent it can do so without incurring an undue financial burden. The entity shall make changes in its plan that the General Counsel determines are appropriate to maximize the complementary paratransit service that is provided to CAA paratransit eligible individuals. When making changes to its plan, the entity shall use the public participation process specified for plan development and shall consider first a reduction in number of trips provided to each CAA paratransit eligible person per month, while attempting to meet all other service criteria.

(2) Require the public entity to provide basic complementary paratransit services to all CAA paratransit eligible individuals, even if doing so would cause the public entity to incur an undue financial burden. Basic complementary paratransit service shall include at least complementary paratransit service in corridors defined as provided in § 37.131(a) along the public entity's key routes during core service hours.

(i) For purposes of this section, key routes are defined as routes along which there is service at least hourly throughout the day.

(ii) For purposes of this section, core service hours encompass at least peak periods, as these periods are defined locally for fixed route service, consistent with industry practice.

(3) If the General Counsel determines that the public entity will incur an undue financial burden as the result of providing basic complementary paratransit service, such that it is infeasible for the entity to provide basic complementary paratransit service, the Administrator shall require the public entity to coordinate with other available providers of demand responsive service in the area served by the public entity to maximize the service to CAA paratransit eligible individuals to the maximum extent feasible.

§37.155 Factors in decision to grant an undue financial burden waiver.

(a) In making an undue financial burden determination, the General Counsel will consider the following factors:

(1) Effects on current fixed route service, including reallocation of accessible fixed route vehicles and potential reduction in service, measured by service miles;

(2) Average number of trips made by the entity's general population, on a per capita basis, compared with the average number of trips to be made by registered CAA paratransit eligible persons, on a per capita basis;

(3) Reductions in other services, including other special services;

(4) Increases in fares;

(5) Resources available to implement complementary paratransit service over the period covered by the plan;

(6) Percentage of budget needed to implement the plan, both as a percentage of operating budget and a percentage of entire budget;

(7) The current level of accessible service, both fixed route and paratransit;

(8) Cooperation/coordination among area transportation providers;

(9) Evidence of increased efficiencies, that have been or could be effectuated, that would benefit the level and quality of available resources for complementary paratransit service; and

(10) Unique circumstances in the submitting entity's area that affect the ability of the entity to provide paratransit, that militate against the need to provide paratransit, or in some other respect create a circumstance considered exceptional by the submitting entity.

(b)(1) Costs attributable to complementary paratransit shall be limited to costs of providing service specifically required by this part to CAA paratransit eligible individuals, by entities responsible under this part for providing such service.

(2) If the entity determines that it is impracticable to distinguish between trips mandated by the CAA and other trips on a trip-by-trip basis, the entity shall attribute to CAA complementary paratransit requirements a percentage of its overall paratransit costs. This percentage shall be determined by a statistically valid methodology that determines the percentage of trips that are required by this part. The entity shall submit information concerning its methodology and the data on which its percentage is based with its request for a waiver. Only costs attributable to CAA-mandated trips may be considered with respect to a request for an undue financial burden waiver.

(3) Funds to which the entity would be legally entitled, but which, as a matter of state or local funding arrangements, are provided to another entity and used by that entity to provide paratransit service which is part of a coordinated system of paratransit meeting the requirements of this part, may be counted in determining the burden associated with the waiver request.

SUBPART G—PROVISION OF SERVICE

§37.161 Maintenance of accessible features: general.

(a) Public and covered entities providing transportation services shall maintain in operative condition those features of facilities and vehicles that are required to make the vehicles and facilities readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. These features include, but are not limited to, lifts and other means of access to vehicles, securement devices, elevators, signage and systems to facilitate communications with persons with impaired vision or hearing.

(b) Accessibility features shall be repaired promptly if they are damaged or out of order. When an accessibility feature is out of order, the entity shall take reasonable steps to accommodate individuals with disabilities who would otherwise use the feature.

(c) This section does not prohibit isolated or temporary interruptions in service or access due to maintenance or repairs.

§37.163 Keeping vehicle lifts in operative condition: public entities.

(a) This section applies only to public entities with respect to lifts in non-rail vehicles.

(b) The entity shall establish a system of regular and frequent maintenance checks of lifts sufficient to determine if they are operative.

(c) The entity shall ensure that vehicle operators report to the entity, by the most immediate means available, any failure of a lift to operate in service.

(d) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this section, when a lift is discovered to be inoperative, the entity shall take the vehicle out of service before the beginning of the vehicle's next service day and ensure that the lift is repaired before the vehicle returns to service.

(e) If there is no spare vehicle available to take the place of a vehicle with an inoperable lift, such that taking the vehicle out of service will reduce the transportation service the entity is able to provide, the public entity may keep the vehicle in service with an inoperable lift for no more than five days (if the entity serves an area of 50,000 or less population) or three days (if the entity serves an area of over 50,000 population) from the day on which the lift is discovered to be inoperative.

(f) In any case in which a vehicle is operating on a fixed route with an inoperative lift, and the headway to the next accessible vehicle on the route exceeds 30 minutes, the entity shall promptly provide alternative transportation to individuals with disabilities who are unable to use the vehicle because its lift does not work.

§37.165 Lift and securement use.

(a) This section applies to public and covered entities.

(b) All common wheelchairs and their users shall be transported in the entity's vehicles or other conveyances. The entity is not required to permit wheelchairs to ride in places other than designated securement locations in the vehicle, where such locations exist.

(c)(1) For vehicles complying with part 38 of these regulations, the entity shall use the securement system to secure wheelchairs as provided in that part.

(2) For other vehicles transporting individuals who use wheelchairs, the entity shall provide and use a securement system to ensure that the wheelchair remains within the securement area.

(3) The entity may require that an individual permit his or her wheelchair to be secured.

(d) The entity may not deny transportation to a wheelchair or its user on the ground that the device cannot be secured or restrained satisfactorily by the vehicle's securement system.

(e) The entity may recommend to a user of a wheelchair that the individual transfer to a vehicle seat. The entity may not require the individual to transfer.

(f) Where necessary or upon request, the entity's personnel shall assist individuals with disabilities with the use of securement systems, ramps and lifts. If it is necessary for the personnel to leave their seats to provide this assistance, they shall do so.

(g) The entity shall permit individuals with disabilities who do not use wheelchairs, including standees, to use a vehicle's lift or ramp to enter the vehicle. Provided that an entity is not required to permit such individuals to use a lift Model 141 manufactured by EEC, Inc. If the entity chooses not to allow such individuals to use such a lift, it shall clearly notify consumers of this fact by signage on the exterior of the vehicle (adjacent to and of equivalent size with the accessibility symbol).

§37.167 Other service requirements

(a) This section applies to public and covered entities.

(b) On fixed route systems, the entity shall announce stops as follows:

(1) The entity shall announce at least at transfer points with other fixed routes, other major intersections and destination points, and intervals along a route sufficient to permit individuals with visual impairments or other disabilities to be oriented to their location.

(2) The entity shall announce any stop on request of an individual with a disability.

(c) Where vehicles or other conveyances for more than one route serve the same stop, the entity shall provide a means by which an individual with a visual impairment or other disability can identify the proper vehicle to enter or be identified to the vehicle operator as a person seeking a ride on a particular route.

(d) The entity shall permit service animals to accompany individuals with disabilities in vehicles and facilities.

(e) The entity shall ensure that vehicle operators and other personnel make use of accessibility-related equipment or features required by part 38 of these regulations.

(f) The entity shall make available to individuals with disabilities adequate information concerning transportation services. This obligation includes making adequate communications capacity available, through accessible formats and technology, to enable users to obtain information and schedule service.

(g) The entity shall not refuse to permit a passenger who uses a lift to disembark from a vehicle at any designated stop, unless the lift cannot be deployed, the lift will be damaged if it is deployed, or temporary conditions at the stop, not under the control of the entity, preclude the safe use of the stop by all passengers.

(h) The entity shall not prohibit an individual with a disability from traveling with a respirator or portable oxygen supply, consistent with applicable Department of Transportation rules on the transportation of hazardous materials.

(i) The entity shall ensure that adequate time is provided to allow individuals with disabilities to complete boarding or disembarking from the vehicle.

(j)(1) When an individual with a disability enters a vehicle, and because of a disability, the individual needs to sit in a seat or occupy a wheelchair securement location, the entity shall ask the following person to move in order to allow the individual with a disability to occupy the seat or securement location:

(i) Individuals, except other individuals with a disability or elderly persons, sitting in a location designated as priority seating for elderly and handicapped persons (or other seat as necessary);

(ii) Individuals sitting in or a fold-down or other movable seat in a wheelchair securement location.

(2) This requirement applies to light rail and rapid rail systems only to the extent practicable.

(3) The entity is not required to enforce the request that other passengers move from priority seating areas or wheelchair securement locations.

(4) In all signage designating priority seating areas for elderly persons or persons with disabilities, or designating wheelchair securement areas, the entity shall include language informing persons siting in these locations that they should comply with requests by transit provider personnel to vacate their seats to make room for an individual with a disability. This requirement applies to all fixed route vehicles when they are acquired by the entity or to new or replacement signage in the entity's existing fixed route vehicles.

§37.169 Interim requirements for over-the-road bus service operated by covered entities.

(a) Covered entities operating over-the-road buses, in addition to compliance with other applicable provisions of this part, shall provide accessible service as provided in this section.

(b) The covered entity shall provide assistance, as needed, to individuals with disabilities in boarding and disembarking, including moving to and from the bus seat for the purpose of boarding and disembarking. The covered entity shall ensure that personnel are trained to provide this assistance safely and appropriately.

(c) To the extent that they can be accommodated in the areas of the passenger compartment provided for passengers' personal effects, wheelchairs or other mobility aids and assistive devices used by individuals with disabilities, or components of such devices, shall be permitted in the passenger compartment. When the bus is at rest at a stop, the driver or other personnel shall assist individuals with disabilities with the stowage and retrieval of mobility aids, assistive devices, or other items that can be accommodated in the passenger compartment of the bus.

(d) Wheelchairs and other mobility aids or assistive devices that cannot be accommodated in the passenger compartment (including electric wheelchairs) shall be accommodated in the baggage compartment of the bus, unless the size of the baggage compartment prevents such accommodation.

(e) At any given stop, individuals with disabilities shall have the opportunity to have their wheelchairs or other mobility aids or assistive devices stowed in the baggage compartment before other baggage or cargo is loaded, but baggage or cargo already on the bus does not have to be off-loaded in order to make room for such devices.

(f) The entity may require up to 48 hours' advance notice only for providing boarding assistance. If the individual does not provide such notice, the entity shall nonetheless provide the service if it can do so by making a reasonable effort, without delaying the bus service.

§37.171 Equivalency requirement for demand responsive service operated by covered entities not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people.

A covered entity not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people which operates a demand responsive system shall ensure that its system, when viewed in its entirety, provides equivalent service to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, as it does to individuals without disabilities. The standards of §37.105 shall be used to determine if the entity is providing equivalent service.

§37.173 Training.

Each public or covered entity which operates a fixed route or demand responsive system shall ensure that personnel are trained to proficiency, as appropriate to their duties, so that they operate vehicles and equipment safely and properly assist and treat individuals with disabilities who use the service in a respectful and courteous way, with appropriate attention to the differences among individuals with disabilities.

Appendix A to Part 37—Standards for Accessible Transportation Facilities

[Copies of this appendix may be obtained from the Office of Compliance, Room LA 200, John Adams Building, 110 Second Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540-1999.]

Appendix B to Part 37—Certifications

Certification of Equivalent Service

The (name of agency) certifies that its demand responsive service offered to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, is equivalent to the level and quality of service offered to individuals without disabilities. Such service, when viewed in its entirety, is provided in the most integrated setting feasible and is equivalent with respect to:

(1) Response time;

(2) Fares;

(3) Geographic service area;

(4) Hours and days of service;

(5) Restrictions on trip purpose;

(6) Availability of information and reservation capability; and

(7) Constraints on capacity or service availability.

This certification is valid for no longer than one year from its date of filing.

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signature

_____

name of authorized official

_____

title

_____

date

Existing Paratransit Service Survey

This is to certify that (name of public entity (ies)) has conducted a survey of existing paratransit services as required by section 37.137 (a) of the CAA regulations.

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signature

_____

name of authorized official

_____

title

_____

date

Included Service Certification

This is to certify that service provided by other entities but included in the CAA paratransit plan submitted by (name of submitting entity (ies)) meets the requirements of part 37, subpart F of the CAA regulations providing that CAA eligible individuals have access to the service; the service is provided in the manner represented; and, that efforts will be made to coordinate the provision of paratransit service offered by other providers.

_____

signature

_____

name of authorized official

_____

title

_____

date

Joint Plan Certification I

This is to certify that (name of entity covered by joint plan) is committed to providing CAA paratransit service as part of this coordinated plan and in conformance with the requirements of part 37 subpart F of the CAA regulations.

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signature

_____

name of authorized official

_____

title

_____

date

Joint Plan Certification II

This is to certify that (name of entity covered by joint plan) will, in accordance with section 37.141 of the CAA regulations, maintain current levels of paratransit service until the coordinated plan goes into effect.

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signature

_____

name of authorized official

_____
title

_____
date

Part 38—Congressional Accountability Act [CAA] Accessibility Guidelines for Transportation Vehicles

Subpart A—General

Subpart B—Buses, Vans and Systems

Subpart C—Rapid Rail Vehicles and Systems

Subpart D—Light Rail Vehicles and Systems

Subpart F—Over-the-Road Buses and Systems

Subpart G—Other Vehicles and Systems

SUBPART A—GENERAL

§38.1 Purpose.

This part provides minimum guidelines and requirements for accessibility standards in part 37 of these regulations for transportation vehicles required to be accessible by section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act (2 U.S.C. 1331, *et seq.*) which, *inter alia*, applies the rights and protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*) to covered entities within the Legislative Branch.

§38.2 Equivalent facilitation.

Departures from particular technical and scoping requirements of these guidelines by use of other designs and technologies are permitted where the alternative designs and technologies used will provide substantially equivalent or greater access to and usability of the vehicle. Departures are to be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Office of Compliance under the procedure set forth in §37.7 of these regulations.

§38.3 Definitions.

See §37.3 of these regulations.

§38.4 Miscellaneous instructions.

(a) *Dimensional conventions.* Dimensions that are not noted as minimum or maximum are absolute.

(b) *Dimensional tolerances.* All dimensions are subject to conventional engineering tolerances for material properties and field conditions, including normal anticipated wear not exceeding accepted industry-wide standards and practices.

(c) *Notes.* The text of these guidelines does not contain notes or footnotes. Additional information, explanations, and advisory materials are located in the Appendix.

(d) *General terminology.* (1) *Comply with* means meet one or more specification of these guidelines.

(2) *If,* or *if * * * then* denotes a specification that applies only when the conditions described are present.

(3) *May* denotes an option or alternative.

(4) *Shall* denotes a mandatory specification or requirement.

(5) *Should* denotes an advisory specification or recommendation and is used only in the appendix to this part.

SUBPART B—BUSES, VANS AND SYSTEMS

§38.21 General.

(a) New, used or remanufactured buses and vans (except over-the-road buses covered by subpart G of this part), to be considered accessible by regulations issued by the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance in part 37 of these regulations, shall comply with the applicable provisions of this subpart.

(b) If portions of the vehicle are modified in a way that affects or could affect accessibility, each such portion shall comply, to the extent practicable, with the applicable provisions of this subpart. This provision does not require that inaccessible buses be retrofitted with lifts, ramps or other boarding devices.

§38.23 Mobility aid accessibility.

(a) *General.* All vehicles covered by this subpart shall provide a level-change mechanism or boarding device (e.g., lift or ramp) complying with paragraph (b) or (c) of this section and sufficient clearances to permit a wheelchair or other mobility aid user to reach a securement location. At least two securement locations and devices, complying with paragraph (d) of this section, shall be provided on vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length; at least one securement location and device, complying with paragraph (d) of this section, shall be provided on vehicles 22 feet in length or less.

(b) *Vehicle lift*—(1) *Design load.* The design load of the lift shall be at least 600 pounds. Working parts, such as cables, pulleys, and shafts, which can be expected to wear, and upon which the lift depends for support of the load, shall have a safety factor of at least six, based on the ultimate strength of the material. Nonworking parts, such as platform, frame, and attachment hardware which would not be expected to wear, shall have a safety factor of at least three, based on the ultimate strength of the material.

(2) *Controls*—(i) *Requirements.* The controls shall be interlocked with the vehicle brakes, transmission, or door, or shall provide other appropriate mechanisms or systems, to ensure that the vehicle cannot be moved when the lift is not stowed and so the lift cannot be deployed unless the interlocks or systems are engaged. The lift shall deploy to all levels (i.e., ground, curb, and intermediate positions) normally encountered in the operating environment. Where provided, each control for deploying, lowering, raising, and stowing the lift and lowering the roll-off barrier shall be of a momentary contact type requiring continuous manual pressure by the operator and shall not allow improper lift sequencing when the lift platform is occupied. The controls shall allow reversal of the lift operation sequence, such as raising or lowering a platform that is part way down, without allowing an occupied platform to fold or retract into the stowed position.

(ii) *Exception.* Where the lift is designed to deploy with its long dimension parallel to the vehicle axis and which pivots into or out of the vehicle while occupied (i.e., ''rotary lift''), the requirements of this paragraph prohibiting the lift from being stowed while occupied shall not apply if the stowed position is within the passenger compartment and the lift is intended to be stowed while occupied.

(3) *Emergency operation.* The lift shall incorporate an emergency method of deploying, lowering to ground level with a lift occupant, and raising and stowing the empty lift if the power to the lift fails. No emergency method, manual or otherwise, shall be capable of being operated in a manner that could be hazardous to the lift occupant or to the operator when operated according to manufacturer's instructions, and shall not permit the platform to be stowed or folded when occupied, unless the lift is a rotary lift and is intended to be stowed while occupied.

(4) *Power or equipment failure.* Platforms stowed in a vertical position, and deployed platforms when occupied, shall have provisions to prevent their deploying, falling, or folding any faster than 12 inches/second or their dropping of an occupant in the event of a single failure of any load carrying component.

(5) *Platform barriers.* The lift platform shall be equipped with barriers to prevent any of the wheels of a wheelchair or mobility aid from rolling off the platform during its operation. A movable barrier or inherent design feature shall prevent a wheelchair or mobility aid from rolling off the edge closest to the vehicle until the platform is in its fully raised position. Each side of the lift platform which extends beyond the vehicle in its raised position shall have a barrier a minimum 1½ inches high. Such barriers shall not interfere with maneuvering into or out of the aisle. The loading-edge barrier (outer barrier) which functions as a loading ramp when the lift is at ground level, shall be sufficient when raised or closed, or a supplementary system shall be provided, to prevent a power wheelchair or mobility aid from riding over or defeating it. The outer barrier of the lift shall automatically raise or close, or a supplementary system shall automatically engage, and remain raised, closed, or engaged at all times that the platform is more than 3 inches above the roadway or sidewalk and the platform is occupied. Alternatively, a barrier or system may be raised, lowered, opened, closed, engaged, or disengaged by the lift operator, provided an interlock or inherent design feature prevents the lift from rising unless the barrier is raised or closed or the supplementary system is engaged.

(6) *Platform surface.* The platform surface shall be free of any protrusions over ¼ inch high and shall be slip resistant. The platform shall have a minimum clear width of 28½ inches at the platform, a minimum clear width of 30 inches measured from 2 inches above the platform surface to 30 inches above the platform, and a minimum clear length of 48 inches measured from 2 inches above the surface of the platform to 30 inches above the surface of the platform. (See Fig. 1)

(7) *Platform gaps.* Any openings between the platform surface and the raised barriers shall

not exceed ⅝ inch in width. When the platform is at vehicle floor height with the inner barrier (if applicable) down or retracted, gaps between the forward lift platform edge and the vehicle floor shall not exceed ½ inch horizontally and ⅝ inch vertically. Platforms on semiautomatic lifts may have a hand hold not exceeding 1½ inches by 4½ inches located between the edge barriers.

(8) *Platform entrance ramp.* The entrance ramp, or loading-edge barrier used as a ramp, shall not exceed a slope of 1:8, measured on level ground, for a maximum rise of 3 inches, and the transition from roadway or sidewalk to ramp may be vertical without edge treatment up to ¼ inch. Thresholds between ¼ inch and ½ inch high shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2.

(9) *Platform deflection.* The lift platform (not including the entrance ramp) shall not deflect more than 3 degrees (exclusive of vehicle roll or pitch) in any direction between its unloaded position and its position when loaded with 600 pounds applied through a 26 inch by 26 inch test pallet at the centroid of the platform.

(10) *Platform movement.* No part of the platform shall move at a rate exceeding 6 inches/second during lowering and lifting an occupant, and shall not exceed 12 inches/second during deploying or stowing. This requirement does not apply to the deployment or stowage cycles of lifts that are manually deployed or stowed. The maximum platform horizontal and vertical acceleration when occupied shall be 0.3g.

(11) *Boarding direction.* The lift shall permit both inboard and outboard facing of wheelchair and mobility aid users.

(12) *Use by standees.* Lifts shall accommodate persons using walkers, crutches, canes or braces or who otherwise have difficulty using steps. The platform may be marked to indicate a preferred standing position.

(13) *Handrails.* Platforms on lifts shall be equipped with handrails on two sides, which move in tandem with the lift, and which shall be graspable and provide support to standees throughout the entire lift operation. Handrails shall have a usable component at least 8 inches long with the lowest portion a minimum 30 inches above the platform and the highest portion a maximum 38 inches above the platform. The handrails shall be capable of withstanding a force of 100 pounds concentrated at any point on the handrail without permanent deformation of the rail or its supporting structure. The handrail shall have a cross-sectional diameter between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches or shall provide an equivalent grasping surface, and have eased edges with corner radii of not less than ⅛ inch. Handrails shall be placed to provide a minimum 1½ inches knuckle clearance from the nearest adjacent surface. Handrails shall not interfere with wheelchair or mobility aid maneuverability when entering or leaving the vehicle.

(c) *Vehicle ramp*—(1) *Design load.* Ramps 30 inches or longer shall support a load of 600 pounds, placed at the centroid of the ramp distributed over an area of 26 inches by 26 inches, with a safety factor of at least 3 based on the ultimate strength of the material. Ramps shorter than 30 inches shall support a load of 300 pounds.

(2) *Ramp surface.* The ramp surface shall be continuous and slip resistant; shall not have protrusions from the surface greater than ¼ inch high; shall have a clear width of 30 inches; and shall accommodate both four-wheel and three-wheel mobility aids.

(3) *Ramp threshold.* The transition from roadway or sidewalk and the transition from vehicle floor to the ramp may be vertical without edge treatment up to ¼ inch. Changes in level between ¼ inch and ½ inch shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2.

(4) *Ramp barriers.* Each side of the ramp shall have barriers at least 2 inches high to prevent mobility aid wheels from slipping off.

(5) *Slope.* Ramps shall have the least slope practicable and shall not exceed 1:4 when deployed to ground level. If the height of the vehicle floor from which the ramp is deployed is 3 inches or less above a 6-inch curb, a maximum slope of 1:4 is permitted; if the height of the vehicle floor from which the ramp is deployed is 6 inches or less, but greater than 3 inches, above a 6-inch curb, a maximum slope of 1:6 is permitted; if the height of the vehicle floor from which the ramp is deployed is 9 inches or less, but greater than 6 inches, above a 6-inch curb, a maximum slope of 1:8 is permitted; if the height of the vehicle floor from which the ramp is deployed is greater than 9 inches above a 6-inch curb, a slope of 1:12 shall be achieved. Folding or telescoping ramps are permitted provided they meet all structural requirements of this section.

(6) *Attachment.* When in use for boarding or alighting, the ramp shall be firmly attached to the vehicle so that it is not subject to displacement when loading or unloading a heavy power mobility aid and that no gap between vehicle and ramp exceeds inch.

(7) *Stowage.* A compartment, securement system, or other appropriate method shall be provided to ensure that stowed ramps, including portable ramps stowed in the passenger area, do not impinge on a passenger's wheelchair or mobility aid or pose any hazard to passengers in the event of a sudden stop or maneuver.

(8) *Handrails.* If provided, handrails shall allow persons with disabilities to grasp them from outside the vehicle while starting to board, and to continue to use them throughout the boarding process, and shall have the top between 30 inches and 38 inches above the ramp surface. The handrails shall be capable of withstanding a force of 100 pounds concentrated at any point on the handrail without permanent deformation of the rail or its supporting structure. The handrail shall have a cross-sectional diameter between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches or shall provide an equivalent grasping surface, and have eased edges with corner radii of not less than inch. Handrails shall not interfere with wheelchair or mobility aid maneuverability when entering or leaving the vehicle.

(d) *Securement devices*—(1) *Design load.* Securement systems on vehicles with GVWRs of 30,000 pounds or above, and their attachments to such vehicles, shall restrain a force in the forward longitudinal direction of up to 2,000 pounds per securement leg or clamping mechanism and a minimum of 4,000 pounds for each mobility aid. Securement systems on vehicles with GVWRs of up to 30,000 pounds, and their attachments to such vehicles, shall restrain a force in the forward longitudinal direction of up to 2,500 pounds per securement leg or clamping mechanism and a minimum of 5,000 pounds for each mobility aid.

(2) *Location and size.* The securement system shall be placed as near to the accessible entrance as practicable and shall have a clear floor area of 30 inches by 48 inches. Such space shall adjoin, and may overlap, an access path. Not more than 6 inches of the required clear floor space may be accommodated for footrests under another seat provided there is a minimum of 9 inches from the floor to the lowest part of the seat overhanging the space. Securement areas may have fold-down seats to accommodate other passengers when a wheelchair or mobility aid is not occupying the area, provided the seats, when folded up, do not obstruct the clear floor space required.

(3) *Mobility aids accommodated.* The securement system shall secure common wheelchairs and mobility aids and shall either be automatic or easily attached by a person familiar with the system and mobility aid and having average dexterity.

(4) *Orientation.* In vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length, at least one securement device or system required by paragraph (a) of this section shall secure the wheelchair or mobility aid facing toward the front of the vehicle. In vehicles 22 feet in length or less, the required securement device may secure the wheelchair or mobility aid either facing toward the front of the vehicle or rearward. Additional securement devices or systems shall secure the wheelchair or mobility aid facing forward or rearward. Where the wheelchair or mobility aid is secured facing the rear of the vehicle, a padded barrier shall be provided. The padded barrier shall extend from a height of 38 inches from the vehicle floor to a height of 56 inches from the vehicle floor with a width of 18 inches, laterally centered immediately in back of the seated individual. Such barriers need not be solid provided equivalent protection is afforded.

(5) *Movement.* When the wheelchair or mobility aid is secured in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, the securement system shall limit the movement of an occupied wheelchair or mobility aid to no more than 2 inches in any direction under normal vehicle operating conditions.

(6) *Stowage.* When not being used for securement, or when the securement area can be used by standees, the securement system shall not interfere with passenger movement, shall not present any hazardous condition, shall be reasonably protected from vandalism, and shall be readily accessed when needed for use.

(7) *Seat belt and shoulder harness.* For each wheelchair or mobility aid securement device provided, a passenger seat belt and shoulder harness, complying with all applicable provisions of part 571 of title 49 CFR, shall also be provided for use by wheelchair or mobility aid users. Such seat belts and shoulder harnesses shall not be used in lieu of a device which secures the wheelchair or mobility aid itself.

§38.25 Doors, steps and thresholds.

(a) *Slip resistance.* All aisles, steps, floor areas where people walk and floors in securement locations shall have slip-resistant surfaces.

(b) *Contrast.* All step edges, thresholds, and the boarding edge of ramps or lift platforms shall have a band of color(s) running the full width of the step or edge which contrasts from the step tread and riser, or lift or ramp surface, either light-on-dark or dark-on-light.

(c) *Door height.* For vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length, the overhead clearance between the top of the door opening and the raised lift platform, or highest point of a ramp, shall be a minimum of 68 inches. For vehicles of 22 feet in length or less, the overhead clearance between the top of the door opening and the raised lift platform, or highest point of a ramp, shall be a minimum of 56 inches.

§38.27 Priority seating signs.

(a) Each vehicle shall contain sign(s) which indicate that seats in the front of the vehicle are priority seats for persons with disabilities, and that other passengers should make such seats available to those who wish to use them. At least one set of forward-facing seats shall be so designated.

(b) Each securement location shall have a sign designating it as such.

(c) Characters on signs required by paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1 and a stroke width-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10, with a minimum character

height (using an upper case ''X'') of 5/8 inch, with ''wide'' spacing (generally, the space between letters shall be 1/16 the height of upper case letters), and shall contrast with the background either light-on-dark or dark-on-light.

§38.29 Interior circulation, handrails and stanchions.

(a) Interior handrails and stanchions shall permit sufficient turning and maneuvering space for wheelchairs and other mobility aids to reach a securement location from the lift or ramp.

(b) Handrails and stanchions shall be provided in the entrance to the vehicle in a configuration which allows persons with disabilities to grasp such assists from outside the vehicle while starting to board, and to continue using such assists throughout the boarding and fare collection process. Handrails shall have a cross-sectional diameter between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches or shall provide an equivalent grasping surface, and have eased edges with corner radii of not less than ⅛ inch. Handrails shall be placed to provide a minimum 1½ inches knuckle clearance from the nearest adjacent surface. Where on-board fare collection devices are used on vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length, a horizontal passenger assist shall be located across the front of the vehicle and shall prevent passengers from sustaining injuries on the fare collection device or windshield in the event of a sudden deceleration. Without restricting the vestibule space, the assist shall provide support for a boarding passenger from the front door through the boarding procedure. Passengers shall be able to lean against the assist for security while paying fares.

(c) For vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length, overhead handrail(s) shall be provided which shall be continuous except for a gap at the rear doorway.

(d) Handrails and stanchions shall be sufficient to permit safe boarding, on-board circulation, seating and standing assistance, and alighting by persons with disabilities.

(e) For vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length with front-door lifts or ramps, vertical stanchions immediately behind the driver shall either terminate at the lower edge of the aisle-facing seats, if applicable, or be ''dog-legged'' so that the floor attachment does not impede or interfere with wheelchair footrests. If the driver seat platform must be passed by a wheelchair or mobility aid user entering the vehicle, the platform, to the maximum extent practicable, shall not extend into the aisle or vestibule beyond the wheel housing.

(f) For vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length, the minimum interior height along the path from the lift to the securement location shall be 68 inches. For vehicles of 22 feet in length or less, the minimum interior height from lift to securement location shall be 56 inches.

§38.31 Lighting.

(a) Any stepwell or doorway immediately adjacent to the driver shall have, when the door is open, at least 2 foot-candles of illumination measured on the step tread or lift platform.

(b) Other stepwells and doorways, including doorways in which lifts or ramps are installed, shall have, at all times, at least 2 foot-candles of illumination measured on the step tread, or lift or ramp, when deployed at the vehicle floor level.

(c) The vehicle doorways, including doorways in which lifts or ramps are installed, shall have outside light(s) which, when the door is open, provide at least 1 foot-candle of illumination on the street surface for a distance of 3 feet perpendicular to all points on the bottom step tread outer edge. Such light(s) shall be located below window level and shielded to protect the eyes of entering and exiting passengers.

§38.33 Fare box.

Where provided, the farebox shall be located as far forward as practicable and shall not obstruct traffic in the vestibule, especially wheelchairs or mobility aids.

§38.35 Public information system.

(a) Vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length, used in multiple-stop, fixed-route service, shall be equipped with a public address system permitting the driver, or recorded or digitized human speech messages, to announce stops and provide other passenger information within the vehicle.

(b) [Reserved]

§38.37 Stop request.

(a) Where passengers may board or alight at multiple stops at their option, vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length shall provide controls adjacent to the securement location for requesting stops and which alerts the driver that a mobility aid user wishes to disembark. Such a system shall provide auditory and visual indications that the request has been made.

(b) Controls required by paragraph (a) of this section shall be mounted no higher than 48 inches and no lower than 15 inches above the floor, shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate controls shall be no greater than 5 lbf (22.2 N).

§38.39 Destination and route signs.

(a) Where destination or route information is displayed on the exterior of a vehicle, each vehicle shall have illuminated signs on the front and boarding side of the vehicle.

(b) Characters on signs required by paragraph (a) of this section shall have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1 and a stroke width-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10, with a minimum character height (using an upper case ''X'') of 1 inch for signs on the boarding side and a minimum character height of 2 inches for front ''headsigns'', with ''wide'' spacing (generally, the space between letters shall be 1/16 the height of upper case letters), and shall contrast with the background, either dark-on-light or light-on-dark.

SUBPART C—RAPID RAIL VEHICLES AND SYSTEMS

§38.51 General.

(a) New, used and remanufactured rapid rail vehicles, to be considered accessible by regulations in part 37 of these regulations, shall comply with this subpart.

(b) If portions of the vehicle are modified in a way that affects or could affect accessibility, each such portion shall comply, to the extent practicable, with the applicable provisions of this subpart. This provision does not require that inaccessible vehicles be retrofitted with lifts, ramps or other boarding devices.

(c) Existing vehicles which are retrofitted to comply with the one-car-per-train rule of §37.93 of these regulations shall comply with §§38.55, 38.57(b), 38.59 of this part and shall have, in new and key stations, at least one door complying with §§38.53(a)(1), (b) and (d) of this part. Removal of seats is not required. Vehicles previously designed and manufactured in accordance with the accessibility requirements of part 609 of title 49 CFR or the Secretary of Transportation regulations implementing section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that were in effect before October 7, 1991 and which can be entered and used from stations in which they are to be operated, may be used to satisfy the requirements of §37.93 of these regulations.

§38.53 Doorways.

(a) *Clear width.* (1) Passenger doorways on vehicle sides shall have clear openings at least 32 inches wide when open.

(2) If doorways connecting adjoining cars in a multi-car train are provided, and if such doorway is connected by an aisle with a minimum clear width of 30 inches to one or more spaces where wheelchair or mobility aid users can be accommodated, then such doorway shall have a minimum clear opening of 30 inches to permit wheelchair and mobility aid users to be evacuated to an adjoining vehicle in an emergency.

(b) *Signage.* The International Symbol of Accessibility shall be displayed on the exterior of accessible vehicles operating on an accessible rapid rail system unless all vehicles are accessible and are not marked by the access symbol. (See Fig. 6)

(c) *Signals.* Auditory and visual warning signals shall be provided to alert passengers of closing doors.

(d) *Coordination with boarding platform*—(1) *Requirements.* Where new vehicles will operate in new stations, the design of vehicles shall be coordinated with the boarding platform design such that the horizontal gap between each vehicle door at rest and the platform shall be no greater than 3 inches and the height of the vehicle floor shall be within plus or minus 5/8 inch of the platform height under all normal passenger load conditions. Vertical alignment may be accomplished by vehicle air suspension or other suitable means of meeting the requirement.

(2) *Exception.* New vehicles operating in existing stations may have a floor height within plus or minus 1½ inches of the platform height. At key stations, the horizontal gap between at least one door of each such vehicle and the platform shall be no greater than 3 inches.

(3) *Exception.* Retrofitted vehicles shall be coordinated with the platform in new and key stations such that the horizontal gap shall be no greater than 4 inches and the height of the vehicle floor, under 50% passenger load, shall be within plus or minus 2 inches of the platform height.

§38.55 Priority seating signs.

(a) Each vehicle shall contain sign(s) which indicate that certain seats are priority seats for persons with disabilities, and that other passengers should make such seats available to those who wish to use them.

(b) Characters on signs required by paragraph (a) of this section shall have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1 and a stroke width-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10, with a minimum character height (using an upper case ''X'') of 5/8 inch, with ''wide'' spacing (generally, the space between letters shall be 1/16 the height of upper case letters), and shall contrast with the background, either light-on-dark or dark-on-light.

§38.57 Interior circulation, handrails and stanchions.

(a) Handrails and stanchions shall be provided to assist safe boarding, on-board circulation, seating and standing assistance, and alighting by persons with disabilities.

(b) Handrails, stanchions, and seats shall allow a route at least 32 inches wide so that at least two wheelchair or mobility aid users can enter the vehicle and position the wheelchairs or mobility aids in areas, each having a minimum clear space of 48 inches by 30 inches, which do not unduly restrict movement of other passengers. Space to accommodate wheelchairs and mobility aids may be provided within the normal area used by standees and designation of specific spaces is not required. Particular attention shall be given to ensuring maximum maneuverability

immediately inside doors. Ample vertical stanchions from ceiling to seat-back rails shall be provided. Vertical stanchions from ceiling to floor shall not interfere with wheelchair or mobility aid user circulation and shall be kept to a minimum in the vicinity of doors.

(c) The diameter or width of the gripping surface of handrails and stanchions shall be 1¼ inches to 1½ inches or provide an equivalent gripping surface and shall provide a minimum 1½ inches knuckle clearance from the nearest adjacent surface.

§38.59 Floor surfaces.

Floor surfaces on aisles, places for standees, and areas where wheelchair and mobility aid users are to be accommodated shall be slip-resistant.

§38.61 Public information system.

(a)(1) *Requirements.* Each vehicle shall be equipped with a public address system permitting transportation system personnel, or recorded or digitized human speech messages, to announce stations and provide other passenger information. Alternative systems or devices which provide equivalent access are also permitted. Each vehicle operating in stations having more than one line or route shall have an external public address system to permit transportation system personnel, or recorded or digitized human speech messages, to announce train, route, or line identification information.

(2) *Exception.* Where station announcement systems provide information on arriving trains, an external train speaker is not required.

(b) [Reserved]

§38.63 Between-car barriers.

(a) *Requirement.* Suitable devices or systems shall be provided to prevent, deter or warn individuals from inadvertently stepping off the platform between cars. Acceptable solutions include, but are not limited to, pantograph gates, chains, motion detectors or similar devices.

(b) *Exception.* Between-car barriers are not required where platform screens are provided which close off the platform edge and open only when trains are correctly aligned with the doors.

SUBPART D—LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES AND SYSTEMS

§38.71 General.

(a) New, used and remanufactured light rail vehicles, to be considered accessible by regulations in part 37 of these regulations, shall comply with this subpart.

(b)(1) Vehicles intended to be operated solely in light rail systems confined entirely to a dedicated right-of-way, and for which all stations or stops are designed and constructed for revenue service after the effective date of standards for design and construction §37.21 and §37.23 of these regulations, shall provide level boarding and shall comply with §38.73(d)(1) and §38.85 of this part.

(2) Vehicles designed for, and operated on, pedestrian malls, city streets, or other areas where level boarding is not practicable shall provide wayside or car-borne lifts, mini-high platforms, or other means of access in compliance with §38.83(b) or (c) of this part.

(c) If portions of the vehicle are modified in a way that affects or could affect accessibility, each such portion shall comply, to the extent practicable, with the applicable provisions of this subpart. This provision does not require that inaccessible vehicles be retrofitted with lifts, ramps or other boarding devices.

(d) Existing vehicles retrofitted to comply with the ''one-car-per-train rule'' at §37.93 of these regulations shall comply with §38.75, §38.77(c), §38.79(a) and §38.83(a) of this part and shall have, in new and key stations, at least one door which complies with §§38.73(a)(1), (b) and (d). Vehicles previously designed and manufactured in accordance with the accessibility requirements of 49 CFR part 609 or the Secretary of Transportation regulations implementing section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that were in effect before October 7, 1991 and which can be entered and used from stations in which they are to be operated, may be used to satisfy the requirements of §37.93 of these regulations.

§38.73 Doorways.

(a) *Clear width.* (1) All passenger doorways on vehicle sides shall have minimum clear openings of 32 inches when open.

(2) If doorways connecting adjoining cars in a multi-car train are provided, and if such doorway is connected by an aisle with a minimum clear width of 30 inches to one or more spaces where wheelchair or mobility aid users can be accommodated, then such doorway shall have a minimum clear opening of 30 inches to permit wheelchair and mobility aid users to be evacuated to an adjoining vehicle in an emergency.

(b) *Signage.* The International Symbol of Accessibility shall be displayed on the exterior of each vehicle operating on an accessible light rail system unless all vehicles are accessible and are not marked by the access symbol. (See Fig. 6)

(c) *Signals.* Auditory and visual warning signals shall be provided to alert passengers of closing doors.

(d) *Coordination with boarding platform*—(1) *Requirements.* The design of level-entry vehicles shall be coordinated with the boarding platform or mini-high platform design so that the horizontal gap between a vehicle at rest and the platform shall be no greater than 3 inches and the height of the vehicle floor shall be within plus or minus ⅝ inch of the platform height. Vertical alignment may be accomplished by vehicle air suspension, automatic ramps or lifts, or any combination.

(2) *Exception.* New vehicles operating in existing stations may have a floor height within plus or minus 1½ inches of the platform height. At key stations, the horizontal gap between at least one door of each such vehicle and the platform shall be no greater than 3 inches.

(3) *Exception.* Retrofitted vehicles shall be coordinated with the platform in new and key stations such that the horizontal gap shall be no greater than 4 inches and the height of the vehicle floor, under 50% passenger load, shall be within plus or minus 2 inches of the platform height.

(4) *Exception.* Where it is not operationally or structurally practicable to meet the horizontal or vertical requirements of paragraphs (d)(1), (2) or (3) of this section, platform or vehicle devices complying with §38.83(b) or platform or vehicle mounted ramps or bridge plates complying with §38.83(c) shall be provided.

§38.75 Priority seating signs.

(a) Each vehicle shall contain sign(s) which indicate that certain seats are priority seats for persons with disabilities, and that other passengers should make such seats available to those who wish to use them.

(b) Where designated wheelchair or mobility aid seating locations are provided, signs shall indicate the location and advise other passengers of the need to permit wheelchair and mobility aid users to occupy them.

(c) Characters on signs required by paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section shall have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1 and a stroke width-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10, with a minimum character height (using an upper case X'') of ⅝ inch, with wide spacing (generally, the space between letters shall be 1/16 the height of upper case letters), and shall contrast with the background, either light-on-dark or dark-on-light.

§38.77 Interior circulation, handrails and stanchions.

(a) Handrails and stanchions shall be sufficient to permit safe boarding, on-board circulation, seating and standing assistance, and alighting by persons with disabilities.

(b) At entrances equipped with steps, handrails and stanchions shall be provided in the entrance to the vehicle in a configuration which allows passengers to grasp such assists from outside the vehicle while starting to board, and to continue using such handrails or stanchions throughout the boarding process. Handrails shall have a cross-sectional diameter between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches or shall provide an equivalent grasping surface, and have eased edges with corner radii of not less than ⅛ inch. Handrails shall be placed to provide a minimum 1½ inches knuckle clearance from the nearest adjacent surface. Where on-board fare collection devices are used, a horizontal passenger assist shall be located between boarding passengers and the fare collection device and shall prevent passengers from sustaining injuries on the fare collection device or windshield in the event of a sudden deceleration. Without restricting the vestibule space, the assist shall provide support for a boarding passenger from the door through the boarding procedure. Passengers shall be able to lean against the assist for security while paying fares.

(c) At all doors on level-entry vehicles, and at each entrance accessible by lift, ramp, bridge plate or other suitable means, handrails, stanchions, passenger seats, vehicle driver seat platforms, and fare boxes, if applicable, shall be located so as to allow a route at least 32 inches wide so that at least two wheelchair or mobility aid users can enter the vehicle and position the wheelchairs or mobility aids in areas, each having a minimum clear space of 48 inches by 30 inches, which do not unduly restrict movement of other passengers. Space to accommodate wheelchairs and mobility aids may be provided within the normal area used by standees and designation of specific spaces is not required. Particular attention shall be given to ensuring maximum maneuverability immediately inside doors. Ample vertical stanchions from ceiling to seat-back rails shall be provided. Vertical stanchions from ceiling to floor shall not interfere with wheelchair or mobility aid circulation and shall be kept to a minimum in the vicinity of accessible doors.

§38.79 Floors, steps and thresholds.

(a) Floor surfaces on aisles, step treads, places for standees, and areas where wheelchair and mobility aid users are to be accommodated shall be slip-resistant.

(b) All thresholds and step edges shall have a band of color(s) running the full width of the step or threshold which contrasts from the step tread and riser or adjacent floor, either light-on-dark or dark-on-light.

§38.81 Lighting.

(a) Any stepwell or doorway with a lift, ramp or bridge plate immediately adjacent to the driver shall have, when the door is open, at least 2 footcandles of illumination measured on the step tread or lift platform.

(b) Other stepwells, and doorways with lifts, ramps or bridge plates, shall have, at all times, at least 2 footcandles of illumination measured on the step tread or lift or ramp, when deployed at the vehicle floor level.

(c) The doorways of vehicles not operating at lighted station platforms shall have outside lights which provide at least 1 foot candle of illumination on the station platform

or street surface for a distance of 3 feet perpendicular to all points on the bottom step tread. Such lights shall be located below window level and shielded to protect the eyes of entering and exiting passengers.

§38.83 Mobility aid accessibility.

(a)(1) *General.* All new light rail vehicles, other than level entry vehicles, covered by this subpart shall provide a level-change mechanism or boarding device (e.g., lift, ramp or bridge plate) complying with either paragraph (b) or (c) of this section and sufficient clearances to permit at least two wheelchair or mobility aid users to reach areas, each with a minimum clear floor space of 48 inches by 30 inches, which do not unduly restrict passenger flow. Space to accommodate wheelchairs and mobility aids may be provided within the normal area used by standees and designation of specific spaces is not required.

(2) *Exception.* If lifts, ramps or bridge plates meeting the requirements of this section are provided on station platforms or other stops required to be accessible, or mini-high platforms complying with §38.73(d) of this part are provided, the vehicle is not required to be equipped with a car-borne device. Where each new vehicle is compatible with a single platform-mounted access system or device, additional systems or devices are not required for each vehicle provided that the single device could be used to provide access to each new vehicle if passengers using wheelchairs or mobility aids could not be accommodated on a single vehicle.

(b) *Vehicle lift*—(1) *Design load.* The design load of the lift shall be at least 600 pounds. Working parts, such as cables, pulleys, and shafts, which can be expected to wear, and upon which the lift depends for support of the load, shall have a safety factor of at least six, based on the ultimate strength of the material. Nonworking parts, such as platform, frame, and attachment hardware which would not be expected to wear, shall have a safety factor of at least three, based on the ultimate strength of the material.

(2) *Controls*—(i) *Requirements.* The controls shall be interlocked with the vehicle brakes, propulsion system, or door, or shall provide other appropriate mechanisms or systems, to ensure that the vehicle cannot be moved when the lift is not stowed and so the lift cannot be deployed unless the interlocks or systems are engaged. The lift shall deploy to all levels (i.e., ground, curb, and intermediate positions) normally encountered in the operating environment. Where provided, each control for deploying, lowering, raising, and stowing the lift and lowering the roll-off barrier shall be of a momentary contact type requiring continuous manual pressure by the operator and shall not allow improper lift sequencing when the lift platform is occupied. The controls shall allow reversal of the lift operation sequence, such as raising or lowering a platform that is part way down, without allowing an occupied platform to fold or retract into the stowed position.

(ii) *Exception.* Where physical or safety constraints prevent the deployment at some stops of a lift having its long dimension perpendicular to the vehicle axis, the transportation entity may specify a lift which is designed to deploy with its long dimension parallel to the vehicle axis and which pivots into or out of the vehicle while occupied (i.e., ''rotary lift''). The requirements of paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section prohibiting the lift from being stowed while occupied shall not apply to a lift design of this type if the stowed position is within the passenger compartment and the lift is intended to be stowed while occupied.

(iii) *Exception.* The brake or propulsion system interlocks requirement does not apply to a station platform mounted lift provided that a mechanical, electrical or other system operates to ensure that vehicles do not move when the lift is in use.

(3) *Emergency operation.* The lift shall incorporate an emergency method of deploying, lowering to ground level with a lift occupant, and raising and stowing the empty lift if the power to the lift fails. No emergency method, manual or otherwise, shall be capable of being operated in a manner that could be hazardous to the lift occupant or to the operator when operated according to manufacturer's instructions, and shall not permit the platform to be stowed or folded when occupied, unless the lift is a rotary lift intended to be stowed while occupied.

(4) *Power or equipment failure.* Lift platforms stowed in a vertical position, and deployed platforms when occupied, shall have provisions to prevent their deploying, falling, or folding any faster than 12 inches/second or their dropping of an occupant in the event of a single failure of any load carrying component.

(5) *Platform barriers.* The lift platform shall be equipped with barriers to prevent any of the wheels of a wheelchair or mobility aid from rolling off the lift during its operation. A movable barrier or inherent design feature shall prevent a wheelchair or mobility aid from rolling off the edge closest to the vehicle until the lift is in its fully raised position. Each side of the lift platform which extends beyond the vehicle in its raised position shall have a barrier a minimum 1½ inches high. Such barriers shall not interfere with maneuvering into or out of the aisle. The loading-edge barrier (outer barrier) which functions as a loading ramp when the lift is at ground level, shall be sufficient when raised or closed, or a supplementary system shall be provided, to prevent a power wheelchair or mobility aid from riding over or defeating it. The outer barrier of the lift shall automatically rise or close, or a supplementary system shall automatically engage, and remain raised, closed, or engaged at all times that the lift is more than 3 inches above the station platform or roadway and the lift is occupied. Alternatively, a barrier or system may be raised, lowered, opened, closed, engaged or disengaged by the lift operator provided an interlock or inherent design feature prevents the lift from rising unless the barrier is raised or closed or the supplementary system is engaged.

(6) *Platform surface.* The lift platform surface shall be free of any protrusions over ¼ inch high and shall be slip resistant. The lift platform shall have a minimum clear width of 28½ inches at the platform, a minimum clear width of 30 inches measured from 2 inches above the lift platform surface to 30 inches above the surface, and a minimum clear length of 48 inches measured from 2 inches above the surface of the platform to 30 inches above the surface. (See Fig. 1)

(7) *Platform gaps.* Any openings between the lift platform surface and the raised barriers shall not exceed ⅝ inch wide. When the lift is at vehicle floor height with the inner barrier (if applicable) down or retracted, gaps between the forward lift platform edge and vehicle floor shall not exceed ½ inch horizontally and ⅝ inch vertically. Platforms on semi-automatic lifts may have a hand hold not exceeding 1½ inches by 4½ inches located between the edge barriers.

(8) *Platform entrance ramp.* The entrance ramp, or loading-edge barrier used as a ramp, shall not exceed a slope of 1:8 measured on level ground, for a maximum rise of 3 inches, and the transition from the station platform or roadway to ramp may be vertical without edge treatment up to ¼ inch. Thresholds between ¼ inch and ½ inch high shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2.

(9) *Platform deflection.* The lift platform (not including the entrance ramp) shall not deflect more than 3 degrees (exclusive of vehicle roll) in any direction between its unloaded position and its position when loaded with 600 pounds applied through a 26 inch by 26 inch test pallet at the centroid of the lift platform.

(10) *Platform movement.* No part of the platform shall move at a rate exceeding 6 inches/second during lowering and lifting an occupant, and shall not exceed 12 inches/second during deploying or stowing. This requirement does not apply to the deployment or stowage cycles of lifts that are manually deployed or stowed. The maximum platform horizontal and vertical acceleration when occupied shall be 0.3g.

(11) *Boarding direction.* The lift shall permit both inboard and outboard facing of wheelchairs and mobility aids.

(12) *Use by standees.* Lifts shall accommodate persons using walkers, crutches, canes or braces or who otherwise have difficulty using steps. The lift may be marked to indicate a preferred standing position.

(13) *Handrails.* Platforms on lifts shall be equipped with handrails, on two sides, which move in tandem with the lift which shall be graspable and provide support to standees throughout the entire lift operation. Handrails shall have a usable component at least 8 inches long with the lowest portion a minimum 30 inches above the platform and the highest portion a maximum 38 inches above the platform. The handrails shall be capable of withstanding a force of 100 pounds concentrated at any point on the handrail without permanent deformation of the rail or its supporting structure. Handrails shall have a cross-sectional diameter between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches or shall provide an equivalent grasping surface, and have eased edges with corner radii of not less than ⅛ inch. Handrails shall be placed to provide a minimum 1½ inches knuckle clearance from the nearest adjacent surface. Handrails shall not interfere with wheelchair or mobility aid maneuverability when entering or leaving the vehicle.

(c) *Vehicle ramp or bridge plate*—(1) *Design load.* Ramps or bridge plates 30 inches or longer shall support a load of 600 pounds, placed at the centroid of the ramp or bridge plate distributed over an area of 26 inches by 26 inches, with a safety factor of at least 3 based on the ultimate strength of the material. Ramps or bridge plates shorter than 30 inches shall support a load of 300 pounds.

(2) *Ramp surface.* The ramp or bridge plate surface shall be continuous and slip resistant, shall not have protrusions from the surface greater than ¼ inch, shall have a clear width of 30 inches, and shall accommodate both four-wheel and three-wheel mobility aids.

(3) *Ramp threshold.* The transition from roadway or station platform and the transition from vehicle floor to the ramp or bridge plate may be vertical without edge treatment up to ¼ inch. Changes in level between ¼ inch and ½ inch shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2.

(4) *Ramp barriers.* Each side of the ramp or bridge plate shall have barriers at least 2 inches high to prevent mobility aid wheels from slipping off.

(5) *Slope.* Ramps or bridge plates shall have the least slope practicable. If the height of the vehicle floor, under 50% passenger load, from which the ramp is deployed is 3 inches or less above the station platform a maximum slope of 1:4 is permitted; if the height of the vehicle floor, under 50% passenger load, from which the ramp is deployed is 6 inches or less, but more than 3 inches, above the station platform a maximum slope of 1:6 is permitted; if the height of the vehicle

floor, under 50% passenger load, from which the ramp is deployed is 9 inches or less, but more than 6 inches, above the station platform a maximum slope of 1:8 is permitted; if the height of the vehicle floor, under 50% passenger load, from which the ramp is deployed is greater than 9 inches above the station platform a slope of 1:12 shall be achieved. Folding or telescoping ramps are permitted provided they meet all structural requirements of this section.

(6) *Attachment.*—(i) *Requirement.* When in use for boarding or alighting, the ramp or bridge plate shall be attached to the vehicle, or otherwise prevented from moving such that it is not subject to displacement when loading or unloading a heavy power mobility aid and that any gaps between vehicle and ramp or bridge plate, and station platform and ramp or bridge plate, shall not exceed ⅝ inch.

(ii) *Exception.* Ramps or bridge plates which are attached to, and deployed from, station platforms are permitted in lieu of vehicle devices provided they meet the displacement requirements of paragraph (c)(6)(i) of this section.

(7) *Stowage.* A compartment, securement system, or other appropriate method shall be provided to ensure that stowed ramps or bridge plates, including portable ramps or bridge plates stowed in the passenger area, do not impinge on a passenger's wheelchair or mobility aid or pose any hazard to passengers in the event of a sudden stop.

(8) *Handrails.* If provided, handrails shall allow persons with disabilities to grasp them from outside the vehicle while starting to board, and to continue to use them throughout the boarding process, and shall have the top between 30 inches and 38 inches above the ramp surface. The handrails shall be capable of withstanding a force of 100 pounds concentrated at any point on the handrail without permanent deformation of the rail or its supporting structure. The handrail shall have a cross-sectional diameter between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches or shall provide an equivalent grasping surface, and have eased edges with corner radii of not less than ⅛ inch. Handrails shall not interfere with wheelchair or mobility aid maneuverability when entering or leaving the vehicle.

§38.85 Between-car barriers

Where vehicles operate in a high-platform, level-boarding mode, devices or systems shall be provided to prevent, deter or warn individuals from inadvertently stepping off the platform between cars. Appropriate devices include, but are not limited to, pantograph gates, chains, motion detectors or other suitable devices.

§38.87 Public information system.

(a) Each vehicle shall be equipped with an interior public address system permitting transportation system personnel, or recorded or digitized human speech messages, to announce stations and provide other passenger information. Alternative systems or devices which provide equivalent access are also permitted.

(b) [Reserved].

§38.91-38.127 [Reserved]

SUBPART F—OVER-THE-ROAD BUSES AND SYSTEMS

§38.151 General.

(a) New, used and remanufactured over-the-road buses, to be considered accessible by regulations in part 37 of these regulations, shall comply with this subpart.

(b) Over-the-road buses covered by §37.7(c) of these regulations shall comply with §38.23 and this subpart.

§38.153 Doors, steps and thresholds.

(a) Floor surfaces on aisles, step treads and areas where wheelchair and mobility aid users are to be accommodated shall be slip-resistant.

(b) All step edges shall have a band of color(s) running the full width of the step which contrasts from the step tread and riser, either dark-on-light or light-on-dark.

(c) To the maximum extent practicable, doors shall have a minimum clear width when open of 30 inches, but in no case less than 27 inches.

§38.155 Interior circulation, handrails and stanchions.

(a) Handrails and stanchions shall be provided in the entrance to the vehicle in a configuration which allows passengers to grasp such assists from outside the vehicle while starting to board, and to continue using such handrails or stanchions throughout the boarding process. Handrails shall have a cross-sectional diameter between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches or shall provide an equivalent grasping surface, and have eased edges with corner radii of not less than ⅛ inch. Handrails shall be placed to provide a minimum 1½ inches knuckle clearance from the nearest adjacent surface. Where on-board fare collection devices are used, a horizontal passenger assist shall be located between boarding passengers and the fare collection device and shall prevent passengers from sustaining injuries on the fare collection device or windshield in the event of a sudden deceleration. Without restricting the vestibule space, the assist shall provide support for a boarding passenger from the door through the boarding procedure. Passengers shall be able to lean against the assist for security while paying fares.

(b) Where provided within passenger compartments, handrails or stanchions shall be sufficient to permit safe on-board circulation, seating and standing assistance, and alighting by persons with disabilities.

§38.157 Lighting.

(a) Any stepwell or doorway immediately adjacent to the driver shall have, when the door is open, at least 2 foot-candles of illumination measured on the step tread.

(b) The vehicle doorway shall have outside light(s) which, when the door is open, provide at least 1 foot-candle of illumination on the street surface for a distance of 3 feet perpendicular to all points on the bottom step tread outer edge. Such light(s) shall be located below window level and shielded to protect the eyes of entering and exiting passengers.

§38.159 Mobility aid accessibility. [Reserved]

SUBPART G—OTHER VEHICLES AND SYSTEMS

§38.171 General.

(a) New, used and remanufactured vehicles and conveyances for systems not covered by other subparts of this part, to be considered accessible by regulations in part 37 of these regulations, shall comply with this subpart.

(b) If portions of the vehicle or conveyance are modified in a way that affects or could affect accessibility, each such portion shall comply, to the extent practicable, with the applicable provisions of this subpart. This provision does not require that inaccessible vehicles be retrofitted with lifts, ramps or other boarding devices.

§38.173 Automated guideway transit vehicles and systems.

(a) Automated Guideway Transit (AGT) vehicles and systems, sometimes called ''people movers,'' operated in airports and other areas where AGT vehicles travel at slow speed (i.e., at a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour at any location on their route during normal operation), shall comply with the provisions of §38.53(a) through (c), and §§38.55 through 38.61 of this part for rapid rail vehicles and systems.

(b) Where the vehicle covered by paragraph (a) of this section will operate in an accessible station, the design of vehicles shall be coordinated with the boarding platform design such that the horizontal gap between a vehicle door at rest and the platform shall be no greater than 1 inch and the height of the vehicle floor shall be within plus or minus ½ inch of the platform height under all normal passenger load conditions. Vertical alignment may be accomplished by vehicle air suspension or other suitable means of meeting the requirement.

(c) In stations where open platforms are not protected by platform screens, a suitable device or system shall be provided to prevent, deter or warn individuals from stepping off the platform between cars. Acceptable devices include, but are not limited to, pantograph gates, chains, motion detectors or other appropriate devices.

(d) Light rail and rapid rail AGT vehicles and systems shall comply with subparts D and C of this part, respectively. AGT systems whose vehicles travel at a speed of more than 20 miles per hour at any location on their route during normal operation are covered under this paragraph rather than under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

§38.175 [Reserved]

§38.177 [Reserved]

§38.179 Trams, similar vehicles and systems.

(a) New and used trams consisting of a tractor unit, with or without passenger accommodations, and one or more passenger trailer units, including but not limited to vehicles providing shuttle service to remote parking areas, between hotels and other public accommodations, and between and within amusement parks and other recreation areas, shall comply with this section. For purposes of determining applicability of §§37.101 or 37.105 of these regulations, the capacity of such a vehicle or ''train'' shall consist of the total combined seating capacity of all units, plus the driver, prior to any modification for accessibility.

(b) Each tractor unit which accommodates passengers and each trailer unit shall comply with §38.25 and §38.29 of this part. In addition, each such unit shall comply with §§38.23(b) or (c) and shall provide at least one space for wheelchair or mobility aid users complying with §38.23(d) of this part unless the complete operating unit consisting of tractor and one or more trailers can already accommodate at least two wheelchair or mobility aid users.

Figures in Part 38

[Copies of these figures may be obtained from the Office of Compliance, Room LA 200, John Adams Building, 110 Second Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540–1999.]

Appendix to Part 38—Guidance Material

This appendix contains materials of an advisory nature and provides additional information that should help the reader to understand the minimum requirements of the guidelines or to design vehicles for greater accessibility. Each entry is applicable to all subparts of this part except where noted. Nothing in this appendix shall in any way obviate any obligation to comply with the requirements of the guidelines themselves.

I. Slip Resistant Surfaces—Aisles, Steps, Floor Area Where People Walk, Floor Areas in Securement Locations, Lift Platforms, Ramps

Slip resistance is based on the frictional force necessary to keep a shoe heel or crutch tip from slipping on a walking surface under conditions likely to be found on the surface. While the dynamic coefficient of friction during walking varies in a complex and nonuniform way, the static coefficient of friction, which can be measured in several ways, provides a close approximation of the slip resistance of a surface. Contrary to popular belief, some slippage is necessary to walking,

especially for persons with restricted gaits; a truly ''non-slip'' surface could not be negotiated.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends that walking surfaces have a static coefficient of friction of 0.5. A research project sponsored by the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) conducted tests with persons with disabilities and concluded that a higher coefficient of friction was needed by such persons. A static coefficient of friction of 0.6 is recommended for steps, floors, and lift platforms and 0.8 for ramps.

The coefficient of friction varies considerably due to the presence of contaminants, water, floor finishes, and other factors not under the control of transit providers and may be difficult to measure. Nevertheless, many common materials suitable for flooring are now labeled with information on the static coefficient of friction. While it may not be possible to compare one product directly with another, or to guarantee a constant measure, transit operators or vehicle designers and manufacturers are encouraged to specify materials with appropriate values. As more products include information on slip resistance, improved uniformity in measurement and specification is likely. The Access Board's advisory guidelines on Slip Resistant Surfaces provides additional information on this subject.

II. Color Contrast—Step Edges, Lift Platform Edges

The material used to provide contrast should contrast by at least 70%. Contrast in percent is determined by:

Contrast = $[(B_1–B_2)/B_1]$ 100

Where B_1 = light reflectance value (LRV) of the lighter area and B_2 = light reflectance value (LRV) of the darker area.

Note that in any application both white and black are never absolute; thus, B_1 never equals 100 and B_2 is always greater than 0.

III. Handrails and Stanchions

In addition to the requirements for handrails and stanchions for rapid, light, and commuter rail vehicles, consideration should be given to the proximity of handrails or stanchions to the area in which wheelchair or mobility aid users may position themselves. When identifying the clear floor space where a wheelchair or mobility aid user can be accommodated, it is suggested that at least one such area be adjacent or in close proximity to a handrail or stanchion. Of course, such a handrail or stanchion cannot encroach upon the required 32 inch width required for the doorway or the route leading to the clear floor space which must be at least 30 by 48 inches in size.

IV. Priority Seating Signs and Other Signage

A. *Finish and Contrast.* The characters and background of signs should be eggshell, matte, or other non-glare finish. An eggshell finish (11 to 19 degree gloss on 60 degree glossimeter) is recommended. Characters and symbols should contrast with their background either light characters on a dark background or dark characters on a light background. Research indicates that signs are more legible for persons with low vision when characters contrast with their background by at least 70 percent. Contrast in percent is determined by:

Contrast = $[(B_1–B_2)/B_1]$ 100

Where B_1 = light reflectance value (LRV) of the lighter area and B_2 = light reflectance value (LRV) of the darker area.

Note that in any application both white and black are never absolute; thus, B_1 never equals 100 and B_2 is always greater than 0.

The greatest readability is usually achieved through the use of light-colored characters or symbols on a dark background.

B. *Destination and Route Signs.* The following specifications, which are required for buses (§38.39), are recommended for other types of vehicles, particularly light rail vehicles, where appropriate.

1. Where destination or route information is displayed on the exterior of a vehicle, each vehicle should have illuminated signs on the front and boarding side of the vehicle.

2. Characters on signs covered by paragraph IV.B.1 of this appendix should have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1 and a stroke width-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10, with a minimum character height (using an upper case ''X'') of 1 inch for signs on the boarding side and a minimum character height of 2 inches for front ''headsigns,'' with ''wide'' spacing (generally, the space between letters shall be 1/16 the height of upper case letters), and should contrast with the background, either dark-on-light or light-on-dark, or as recommended above.

C. *Designation of Accessible Vehicles.* The International Symbol of Accessibility should be displayed as shown in Figure 6.

V. Public Information Systems

There is currently no requirement that vehicles be equipped with an information system which is capable of providing the same or equivalent information to persons with hearing loss. While the Department of Transportation assesses available and soon-to-be available technology during a study conducted during Fiscal Year 1992, entities are encouraged to employ whatever services, signage or alternative systems or devices that provide equivalent access and are available. Two possible types of devices are visual display systems and listening systems. However, it should be noted that while visual display systems accommodate persons who are deaf or are hearing impaired, assistive listening systems aid only those with a partial loss of hearing.

A. *Visual Display Systems.* Announcements may be provided in a visual format by the use of electronic message boards or video monitors.

Electronic message boards using a light emitting diode (LED) or ''flip-dot'' display are currently provided in some transit stations and terminals and may be usable in vehicles. These devices may be used to provide real time or pre-programmed messages; however, real time message displays require the availability of an employee for keyboard entry of the information to be announced.

Video monitor systems, such as visual paging systems provided in some airports (e.g., Baltimore-Washington International Airport), are another alternative. The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) can provide technical assistance and information on these systems (''Airport TDD Access: Two Case Studies,'' (1990)).

B. *Assistive Listening Systems.* Assistive listening systems (ALS) are intended to augment standard public address and audio systems by providing signals which can be received directly by persons with special receivers or their own hearing aids and which eliminate or filter background noise. Magnetic induction loops, infra-red and radio frequency systems are types of listening systems which are appropriate for various applications.

An assistive listening system appropriate for transit vehicles, where a group of persons or where the specific individuals are not known in advance, may be different from the system appropriate for a particular individual provided as an auxiliary aid or as part of a reasonable accommodation. The appropriate device for an individual is the type that individual can use, whereas the appropriate system for a station or vehicle will necessarily be geared toward the ''average'' or aggregate needs of various individuals. Earphone jacks with variable volume controls can benefit only people who have slight hearing loss and do not help people who use hearing aids. At the present time, magnetic induction loops are the most feasible type of listening system for people who use hearing aids equipped with ''T-coils'', but people without hearing aids or those with hearing aids not equipped with inductive pick-ups cannot use them without special receivers. Radio frequency systems can be extremely effective and inexpensive. People without hearing aids can use them, but people with hearing aids need a special receiver to use them as they are presently designed. If hearing aids had a jack to allow a by-pass of microphones, then radio frequency systems would be suitable for people with and without hearing aids. Some listening systems may be subject to interference from other equipment and feedback from hearing aids of people who are using the systems. Such interference can be controlled by careful engineering design that anticipates feedback sources in the surrounding area.

The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has published a pamphlet on Assistive Listening Systems which lists demonstration centers across the country where technical assistance can be obtained in selecting and installing appropriate systems. The state of New York has also adopted a detailed technical specification which may be useful.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE—THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995: EXTENSION OF RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS UNDER THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Summary: The Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance is publishing proposed regulations to implement Section 215 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (''CAA''), Pub. L. 104–1, 109 Stat. 3, as applied to covered employing offices and employees of the House of Representatives, the Senate, and certain Congressional instrumentalities listed below.

The CAA applies the rights and protections of eleven labor and employment and public access statutes to covered employees within the Legislative Branch. Section 215(a) provides that each employing office and each covered employee shall comply with the provisions of section 5 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. §654 (''OSHAct''). 2 U.S.C. §1341(a). The provisions of section 215 are effective on January 1, 1997 for all employing offices except the General Accounting Office and the Library of Congress. 2 U.S.C. §1341(g). Accordingly, the rules included in this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (''NPRM or Notice'') do not apply to the General Accounting Office or the Library of Congress at this time.

In addition to inviting comment in this NPRM, the Board, through the statutory appointees of the Office, sought consultation with the Secretary of Labor with regard to the development of these regulations in accordance with section 304(g) of the CAA. Specifically, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration provided helpful suggestions during the development of the proposed regulations. The Board also notes that the General Counsel of the Office has completed an inspection of all covered facilities for compliance with safety and health standards under section 215 of the CAA and has submitted his final report to Congress. Based on the information gleaned from these consultations and the experience gained from the inspections, the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance is publishing these proposed regulations, pursuant to section 215(d) of the CAA, 2 U.S.C. §1341(d).

The purpose of these regulations is to implement section 215 of the CAA. This Notice proposes that virtually identical regulations be adopted for the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the seven Congressional instrumentalities; and their employees. Accordingly:

(1) *Senate.* It is proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to the Senate and employees of the Senate, and this proposal regarding the Senate and its employees is recommended by the Office of Compliance's Deputy Executive Director for the Senate.

(2) *House of Representatives.* It is further proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to the House of Representatives and employees of the House of Representatives, and this proposal regarding the House of Representatives and its employees is recommended by the Office of Compliance's Deputy Executive Director for the House of Representatives.

(3) *Certain Congressional instrumentalities.* It is further proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to the Capitol Guide Service, the Capitol Police, the Congressional Budget Office, the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Office of the Attending Physician, and the Office of Compliance, and their employees; and this proposal regarding these six Congressional instrumentalities is recommended by the Office of Compliance's Executive Director.

Dates: Comments are due within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice in the Congressional Record.

Addresses: Submit written comments (an original and 10 copies) to the Chair of the Board of Directors, Office of Compliance, Room LA 200, John Adams Building, 110 Second Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540–1999. Those wishing to receive notification of receipt of comments are requested to include a self-addressed, stamped post card. Comments may also be transmitted by facsimile (''FAX'') machine to (202) 426–1913. This is not a toll-free call. Copies of comments submitted by the public will be available for review at the Law Library Reading Room, Room LM–201, Law Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, Washington, D.C., Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. In addition, a copy of the material listed in the section of the proposed regulations entitled ''Incorporation by Reference'' is available for inspection and review at the Law Library Reading Room, Room LM–201, Law Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, Washington, D.C., Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

For further information contact: Executive Director, Office of Compliance, at (202) 724–9250 (voice), (202) 426–1912 (TTY). This Notice is also available in the following formats: large print, braille, audio tape, and electronic file on computer disk. Requests for this notice in an alternative format should be made to Mr. Russell Jackson, Director, Services Department, Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, at (202) 224–2705 (voice), (202) 224–5574 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background and Summary

The Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (''CAA''), Pub. L. 104–1, 109 Stat. 3, was enacted on January 23, 1995. 2 U.S.C. §§1301–1438. In general, the CAA applies the rights and protections of eleven federal labor and employment and public access statutes to covered employees and employing offices.

Section 215(a) of the CAA provides that each employing office and each covered employee shall comply with the provisions of section 5 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (''OSHAct''), 29 U.S.C. §654. 2 U.S.C. §1341(a). Section 5(a) of the OSHAct provides that every covered employer has a general duty to furnish each employee with employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to those employees and a specific duty to comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated under the law. Section 5(b) requires covered employees to comply with occupational safety and health standards and with all rules, regulations and orders issued which are applicable to their actions and conduct.

Section 215(c) of the CAA provides that, upon the written request of any employing office or covered employee, the General Counsel of the Office shall exercise the authorities granted to the Secretary of Labor by subsections (a), (d), (e), and (f) of section 8 of the OSHAct to inspect and investigate places of employment under the jurisdiction of employing offices. 2 U.S.C. §1341(c). For the purposes of section 215, the General Counsel shall exercise the authorities granted to the Secretary of Labor in sections 9 and 10 of the OSHAct to issue a citation or notice to any employing office responsible for correcting a violation, or a notification to any employing office that the General Counsel believes has failed to correct a violation for which a citation has been issued within the period permitted for its correction. *Id.* Section 215(e) also requires that the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance on a regular basis, and at least once each Congress, conduct periodic inspections of all covered facilities and report to Congress on compliance with health and safety standards. 2 U.S.C. §1341(e).

Section 215(d) of the CAA requires the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance established under the CAA to issue regulations implementing the section. 2 U.S.C. §1341(d). Section 215(d) further states that such regulations ''shall be the same as substantive regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (a) except to the extent that the Board may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section.'' *Id.* Section 215(d) further provides that the regulations ''shall include a method of identifying, for purposes of this section and for different categories of violations of subsection (a), the employing office responsible for correction of a particular violation.'' *Id.*

In developing these proposed regulations, a number of issues have been identified and explored. The Board has proposed to resolve these issues as described below.

A. In general

1. *Substantive regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor.*—Section 215(d)(2) requires the Board to issue regulations that are ''the same as substantive regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (a) except to the extent that the Board may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section.'' 2 U.S.C. §1341(d)(2).

Consistent with its prior decisions on this issue, the Board has determined that all regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor after notice and comment to implement section 5 of the OSHAct are ''substantive regulations'' within the meaning of section 215(d). *See, e.g.,* 142 Cong. Rec. S5070, S5071–72 (daily ed. May 15, 1996) (NPRM implementing section 220(d)); 141 Cong. Rec. S17605 (daily ed. Nov. 28, 1995) (NPRM implementing section 203); see also *Reves v. Ernst & Young,* 113 S.Ct. 1163, 1169 (1993) (where same phrase or term is used in two different places in the same statute, reasonable for court to give each use a similar construction); *Sorenson v. Secretary of the Treasury,* 475 U.S. 851, 860 (1986) (normal rule of statutory construction assumes that identical words in different parts of same act are intended to have the same meaning).

In this regard, the Board has reviewed the provisions of section 215 of the CAA, the provisions of the OSHAct applied by that section, and the regulations of the Secretary of Labor to determine whether and to what extent those regulations are substantive regulations promulgated to implement the substantive safety and health standards of section 5 of the OSHAct. As explained more fully below, the Board proposes to adopt otherwise applicable substantive health and safety standards of the Secretary's regulations published at Parts 1910 and 1926 of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations (''29 CFR'') with only limited modifications. The Board proposes not to adopt as substantive regulations under section 215(d) of the CAA those provisions of the Secretary's regulations that were not promulgated to implement provisions of section 5 of the OSHAct.

In addition, the Board has proposed to make technical changes in definitions and nomenclature so that the regulations comport with the CAA and the organizational structure of the Office of Compliance. In the Board's judgment, making such changes satisfies the Act's ''good cause'' requirement. With the exception of such technical and nomenclature changes, however, the Board does not propose substantial departure from otherwise applicable regulations of the Secretary.

2. *The board will adopt the substantive safety and health standards contained in Parts 1910 and 1926 of title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations.*—Section 215(a) requires each employing office and covered employee to comply with the provisions of section 5 of the OSHAct, 29 U.S.C. §654. 2 U.S.C. §1341(a). Section 5(a) of the OSHAct provides that every covered employer has a general duty to furnish each employee with employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to those employees, and a specific duty to comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (''OSHA'') under the law. Section 5(b) requires covered employees to comply with occupational safety and health standards and with all rules, regulations and orders issued which are applicable to their actions and conduct.

The substantive occupational safety and health standards promulgated by OSHA which the Board intends to adopt are set forth at 29 CFR, Parts 1910 (general industry standards) and 1926 (construction industry standards). Although Part 1926 was originally promulgated by the Secretary under section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the substantive safety and health standards (subparts C through Z) are adopted and incorporated by reference into Part 1910. *See* 29 CFR §1910.12. These regulations implement the substantive safety and health standards referred to in section 5 of the OSHAct and thus are ''substantive regulations'' which the Board proposes to adopt under section 215(d) of the CAA. However, the Board proposes not to adopt those regulatory provisions in Parts 1910 and 1926

that have no conceivable applicability to operations of employing offices within the Legislative Branch or are unlikely to be invoked. See 141 Cong. Rec. at S17604 (Nov. 28, 1995) (NPRM implementing section 203).

Adoption of the substantive safety and health standards of Parts 1910 and 1926 is consistent with the language and legislative history of section 215, which confirms that Congress expected the law as enacted to require that covered employing offices and covered employees comply with the existing substantive occupational safety and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor. 141 Cong. Rec. S621, S625 (Jan. 9, 1995) (section 215 ''requires employees and employing offices . . . to comply with . . . the Occupational Safety and Health Standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor under section 6 of that act.''). Similarly, the section-by-section analysis of H.R. 4822, a precursor to the CAA, clearly states that Congress expected the Board to adopt OSHA occupational safety and health standards promulgated under section 6 of the OSHAct as its own:

''It is not intended that the Board will replicate the work of the Secretary of Labor by promulgating its own standards similar to those promulgated by the Secretary of Labor under section 6 of the OSHA [citation omitted]. Rather, it is intended that the Board will adopt the Secretary's [occupational safety and health] standards, and only where the Board believes different rules would better serve the interests of OSHA and this Act will it adopt different rules.'' S.Rep. 103–396 (Oct. 3, 1994).

Adoption of the substantive safety and health standards of Parts 1910 and 1926 is also consistent with existing safety and health practices of employing entities within the Legislative Branch. For example, the Architect of the Capitol, which has direct superintendence responsibility for the majority of facilities subject to section 215, has maintained a policy of voluntary compliance with the safety and health standards under Parts 1910 and 1926 through its safety and health program. *See Congressional Coverage Legislation: Applying Laws to Congress: Hearings on S.29, S.103, S.357, S.207, and S.2194*, Before the Senate Comm. on Govt. Affairs, 103d Cong., 3d Sess. 55–56 (1995) (testimony of J. Raymond Carroll, Director of Engineering, Office of the Architect of the Capitol).

The Board also notes that the General Counsel applied the occupational safety and health standards under Parts 1910 and 1926 in his initial inspection of Legislative Branch facilities pursuant to section 215(c) of the CAA. In contrast to other sections of the CAA, which generally give the Office of Compliance only adjudicatory and regulatory responsibilities, the General Counsel has the authority to investigate and prosecute alleged violations of safety and health standards under section 215, as well as the responsibility for inspecting covered facilities to ensure compliance. In his final inspection report, the General Counsel stated his view that application of Parts 1910 and 1926 standards appeared appropriate for such operations. *See* Report on Initial Inspections of Facilities for Compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Under Section 215 (''Safety and Health Report''), p. I–2 (June 28, 1996).

For all of these reasons, the Board proposes to adopt all otherwise applicable sections of Parts 1910 and 1926 as substantive regulations under section 215(d).

3. *Modification of Parts 1910 and 1926, 29 CFR.*—The Board has considered whether and to what extent it should modify otherwise applicable substantive safety and health standards at 29 CFR, Parts 1910 and 1926. As the Board has noted in prior rulemakings, the language and legislative history of the CAA leads the Board to conclude that, absent clear statutory language to the contrary, the Board should hew as closely as possible to the text of otherwise applicable regulations implementing the statutory provisions applied to the Legislative Branch. *See, e.g.,* 142 Cong. Rec. S221, S222 (Jan. 22, 1996) (Notice of Adoption of Rules Implementing Section 203) (''The CAA was intended not only to bring covered employees the benefits of the . . . incorporated laws, but also require Congress to experience the same compliance burdens faced by other employers so that it could more fairly legislate in this area.''). Thus, consistent with its prior decisions, the Board proposes to issue Parts 1910 and 1926 of the Secretary's regulations with only technical changes in the nomenclature and deletion of those sections clearly inapplicable to the Legislative Branch. *See, e.g.,* 141 Cong. Rec. S17603–S17604 (Nov. 28, 1995) (preamble to NPRM under section 203 of the CAA).

This conclusion is also supported by the General Counsel's inspection report, which applied the substantive safety and health standards to covered facilities in the course of his initial inspections under section 215(e) of the CAA. Specifically, the report found nothing about work operations within facilities of the Legislative Branch that suggested that they were so different from those in comparable private sector facilities as to require a different safety and health standard. *See generally* Safety and Health Report. Thus, with the exception of nonsubstantive technical and nomenclature changes, the Board proposes no departure from the text of otherwise applicable portions of Parts 1910 and 1926.

4. *Secretary of Labor's regulations that the board proposes not to adopt.*—In reviewing the remaining parts of the Secretary's regulations, it is apparent that they either were not promulgated by the Secretary of Labor to implement the safety and health standards referred to in section 5 of the OSHAct and/or have no application to employing offices or other facilities within the Legislative Branch. For this reason, the Board is not including them within its substantive regulations. Among the excluded regulations are the following parts of 29 CFR: Part 1902 (adoption of health and safety standards and enforcement plans by States); Part 1908 (cooperative agreements between OSHA and the States); Parts 1911 and 1912 (procedure for promulgating, modifying or revoking occupational safety and health standards by OSHA); Parts 1915–1922 (occupational safety and health standards and procedures for shipyards, marine terminals, and longshoring operations); Part 1914 (safety and health standards applicable to workshops and rehabilitation facilities assisted by federal grants); Part 1925 (safety and health requirements under the Service Contract Act of 1965); Part 1928 (occupational safety and health standards applicable to agricultural operations); Part 1949 (OSHA Office of Training and Education regulations); Parts 1950–1956 (State occupational safety and health regulation and enforcement plans and planning grants to States); Part 1960 (occupational safety and health regulation of Federal executive branch employees and agencies, implementing section 19 of the OSHAct); Part 1975 (regulations clarifying the definition of employer under the OSHAct); Part 1978 (regulations implementing section 405 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982); Part 1990 (regulations relating to identification, classification, and regulation of potential occupational carcinogens); Part 2201 (regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act); Part 2202 (rules of ethics and conduct of Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission employees); Part 2203 (regulations implementing the Government in the Sunshine Act); Part 2204 (regulations implementing the Equal Access to Justice Act in Proceedings before the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission); Part 2205 (regulations enforcing the provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs or activities conducted by the OSHRC); and Part 2400 (regulations implementing the Privacy Act). Unless public comments demonstrate otherwise, the Board intends to include in the adopted regulations a provision stating that the Board has issued substantive regulations on all matters for which section 215(d) requires a regulation. *See* 2 U.S.C. §1411.

The Board will also not adopt as part of its regulations under section 215(d) of the CAA the rules of agency practice and procedure for the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (Part 2200), rules of agency practice and procedure regarding OSHA access to employee medical records (Part 1913), and rules implementing the rights and procedures regarding the antidiscrimination and anti-retaliation provisions of section 11 of the OSHAct (Part 1977). Although not within the scope of rulemaking under section 215(d), the Board has determined that the subject matter of these provisions may have general applicability to Board and Office proceedings under the CAA. Thus, these matters should be addressed, if at all, in the Office's development of appropriate changes in the procedural rules for section 215 cases that the Executive Director promulgates pursuant to section 303 of the CAA.

5. *Variance procedures.*—Section 215(c)(4) of the CAA authorizes the Board to consider and act on requests for variances by employing offices from otherwise applicable safety and health standards applied to them under this section, consistent with sections 6(b)(6) and 6(d) of the OSHAct. 2 U.S.C. §1341(c)(4). Part 1905, 29 CFR, contains the Secretary's rules of practice and procedure for variances under the OSHAct. Part 1905 was not promulgated to implement the health and safety standards referred to in section 5 of the OSHAct. Accordingly, it will not be adopted as part of the Board's section 215(d) regulations. However, the Board has determined that these regulations may concern matters ''governing the procedure of the Office'' and, therefore, may be addressed as part of a rulemaking under section 303 of the CAA.

6. *Procedure regarding inspections, citations, and notices.*—Section 215(c) of the CAA grants the General Counsel of the Office the authority under sections 8 and 9 of the OSHAct to inspect and investigate places of employment and issue citations and notices to employing offices responsible for correcting violations. 2 U.S.C. §1341(c). Part 1903 of the Secretary's regulations, which relates to the procedure for conducting inspections, and for issuing and contesting citations and proposed penalties, implements sections 8 and 9 of the OSHAct. The purpose of Part 1903, according to the Secretary, is to prescribe rules and to set forth general policies for enforcement of the inspection, citation, and proposed penalty provisions of the OSHAct. *See* 29 CFR 1903.1. Part 1903 does not implement any substantive right or protection under section 5 of the OSHAct or of any substantive health and safety standard thereunder. Accordingly, the Board will not adopt part 1903 as part of its section 215(d) regulations. However, the Executive Director may consider adopting some or all of the rules contained in Part 1903 as part of the procedural rules of the Office, as applicable and appropriate.

7. *Notice posting and recordkeeping requirements.*—Section 215(c)(1) of the CAA grants to

the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance the authorities of the Secretary of Labor under the following subsections of section 8 of the OSHAct: (a) (authority of Secretary to enter, inspect, and investigate places of employment), (d) (methods of obtaining information), (e) (employer and employee representatives authorized to accompany inspectors), and (f) (requests for inspections), 29 U.S.C. section 657(a), (d), (e), and (f). 2 U.S.C. §1341(c)(1). Section 215 does not incorporate or make reference to section 8(c) of the OSHAct (requiring safety and health recordkeeping and posting of notices). More specifically, section 8(c) of the OSHAct is not a part of the rights and protections of section 5 of the OSHAct, nor is it a substantive safety and health standard referred to therein. Thus, section 215(d) of the CAA does not authorize the Board to incorporate the general notice and recordkeeping requirements promulgated by the Secretary to implement section 8(c) of the OSHAct and, consequently, such requirements (set forth at Part 1904) will not be imposed at this time. *See* 141 Cong. Rec. at S17604 (NPRM implementing section 203); 141 Cong. Rec. at S17656 (Nov. 28, 1995) (NPRM implementing section 204); 142 Cong. Rec. S221, S222 (Jan. 22, 1996) (Notice of Adoption of Regulations Implementing Section 203).

The Board also notes that there are certain recordkeeping requirements that are part of the substantive safety and health standards under parts 1910 and 1926, 29 CFR, such as employee exposure records under subpart Z. Thus, these regulations have been included in the Board's proposed regulations. *See* 141 Cong. Rec. at 17657 (daily ed. Jan. 22, 1996) (recordkeeping requirements included within portion of Employee Polygraph Protection Act applied by section 204 of the CAA must be included within the proposed rules).

The Board is also aware that Congress has enacted two special statutory provisions regarding safety and health that may already apply to some covered employing offices. Section 19(a) of the OSHAct, 29 U.S.C. §668(a), requires the head of each federal agency to ''establish and maintain an effective and comprehensive occupational safety and health program which is consistent with the standards promulgated [by OSHA] under section 655.'' Agency heads are also required to submit annual reports to the Secretary on occupational accidents and injuries and on the agency programs established under section 668. However, the statute itself gives the Secretary no enforcement authority against federal agencies. OSHA regulations implementing section 668 are not binding on Legislative Branch agencies unless by agreement between OSHA and the head of the agency. *See* 29 C.F.R. §1960.2(b).

The related provisions of 5 U.S.C. §7902 cover an agency in ''any branch of the Government of the United States.'' Section 7902 imposes recordkeeping and report requirements on each agency similar to the requirements of 29 U.S.C. §668. There is no apparent mechanism for enforcement of section 7902 obligations regarding Legislative Branch agencies.

The above two provisions may arguably impose general recordkeeping requirements with respect to occupational accidents and injuries on some covered employing offices independent of the CAA, to the extent that such employing offices are found to be ''agencies'' within the meaning of those statutory provisions. The Board's resolution of the recordkeeping issue under section 215(e) of the CAA is not an attempt to modify the statutory provisions of 29 U.S.C. §668 and 5 U.S.C. §7902 and their applicability to Legislative Branch entities. Whether section 215 of the CAA and the regulations the Board proposes to implement thereunder can be harmonized with these preexisting statutory requirements not within the scope of the CAA that might independently apply to Legislative Branch entities is an issue that the Board has no occasion to address. *See* 142 Cong. Rec. at S224 (daily ed., Jan. 22, 1996) (Notice of Adoption of Regulations and Submission for Approval and Issuance of Interim Regulations under section 203 of the CAA) (declining to address issue of harmonizing regulations regarding overtime exemption for law enforcement officers under section 203 with preexisting statutory overtime exemption for Capitol Police under 40 U.S.C. §§206b–206c).

B. Proposed regulations

1. *General provisions.*—The proposed regulations include a section on matters of general applicability including the purpose and scope of the regulations, definitions, coverage, and the administrative authority of the Board and the Office of Compliance.

2. *Incorporation by Reference of Part 1910 and Part 1926 Standards.*—The Board will incorporate by reference the portions of 29 CFR, Parts 1910 and 1926, it proposes to adopt, rather than setting forth the full text of those provisions in this Notice.

Incorporation by reference of the safety and health standards set forth in Parts 1910 and 1926 is appropriate under the circumstances and meets the ''good cause'' requirement of the CAA. The portions of Parts 1910 and 1926 that the Board proposes to adopt by reference contain only substantive safety and health standards that are published in Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations and that are thus reasonably available to commenters and to affected employing offices and covered employees. Moreover, incorporation by reference of Parts 1910 and 1926 would substantially reduce the volume of material published in the Congressional Record: Part 1910 and 1926 are set forth in three volumes of the Code of Federal Regulations. If restated herein, the material would consist of almost 6,500 pages of text and accompanying illustrations. Given that these standards are proposed to be adopted without change by the Board and are readily accessible to potential commenters, incorporation by reference is appropriate.

3. *Method for Identifying Responsible Employing Offices and Establishing Categories of Violations.*—Section 215(d)(3) of the CAA directs the Board to include in its regulations a method for identifying, for purposes of section 215 and for different categories of violations of subsection (a), the employing office responsible for correction of a particular violation. 2 U.S.C. §1341(d)(3). The method developed by the Board to identify entities responsible for correcting a violation of section 215(a) is set forth in section 1.106 of the proposed regulations. Section 1.106 is based in large part on the methods adopted and applied by the General Counsel during his initial inspections of covered employing offices under section 215(e). *See* Safety and Health Report, App. V.

a. Identifying the employing office responsible for correcting violations. In considering rules for identifying the employing office responsible for correcting violations under section 215, the Board is mindful that any regulation that it promulgates should neither expand nor contract the statutory safety and health obligations of employing offices under section 215. *See White v. I.N.S.*, 75 F.3d 213, 215 (5th Cir. 1996) (agency cannot promulgate even substantive rules that are contrary to statute; if intent of Congress is clear, agency must give effect to that unambiguously expressed intent); *Conlan v. U.S. Dep't of Labor*, 76 F.23 271, 274 (9th Cir. 1996). Therefore, the Board has considered the nature of the safety and health obligations imposed on employing offices under the OSHAct, as applied by the terms of section 215(a). Specifically, the Board notes that section 215(a)(2)(C) expressly assigns liability to the employing office responsible for correcting the violation, ''irrespective of whether the particular employing office has an employment relationship with any covered employee in any employing office in which such violation occurs.''

In many cases, the primary employing office responsible for correcting the hazards identified under section 215 and for addressing the recommendations made by the General Counsel is the Architect of the Capitol, given the Architect's statutory responsibility for superintendence and control over the Capitol Building, House and Senate office buildings, and other similar facilities. *See, e.g.*, 40 U.S.C. §§163-166 (Capitol Building), 167-175 and 185a (House and Senate office buildings), 185 (Capitol Power Plant), 193a (Capitol grounds), and 216b (Botanical Garden). However, it is recognized that in some cases other employing offices, particularly the staff or occupants of office buildings under the Architect's superintendence, may have varying degrees of actual or apparent jurisdiction, authority, and responsibility for correction of violations. In other cases, the employing office may have a responsibility to notify or coordinate abatement of the hazard with the Architect of the Capitol or other employing office actually responsible for implementing the correction. Accordingly, proposed section 1.106 assigns responsibility to employing offices in four situations:

1. The employing office that actually created the hazard or condition identified. Frequently, the employing office that created the hazard is in the best position to correct the hazard, and has control over the manner and method of operations sufficient to avoid the hazard in the first place or reduce the hazard once created.

2. The employing office that is exposing its employees to the hazard or condition. Under the OSHAct, an employer has responsibility for the safety of its own employees and is required to instruct them about the hazards that might be encountered, including what protective measures to use. In the case of hazardous conditions, facilities, or equipment over which the employer has no control, it has a duty to at least warn its employees of the hazard and/or to prevent the employees exposure to the hazard by utilizing alternative locations or means to perform the work. *See Secretary of Labor v. Baker Tank Co.*, 17 OSHC 1177, 1180 (OSHRC April 10, 1995).

3. The employing office that is responsible for safety and health conditions in the workplace and has day-to-day control, in whole or in part, of the area where the hazard or condition is found. For example, a Member has effective control over his or her own office area, and has the responsibility for notifying the Architect or other responsible offices, when hazards are identified in his or her spaces, even though the Member may have no direct responsibility in many cases for carrying out the correction of the condition.

4. The employing office that is responsible for actually carrying out the correction (or for contacting other offices or otherwise arranging for correction of the hazard or condition). In many cases, the Architect is responsible for repairing and correcting physical hazards identified in his area of superintendence, such as electrical hazards. In some cases, other employing offices may have responsibility to actually carry out the correction, such as the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives with respect to carpet repair in House office buildings. In other cases, an employing office may

have responsibility for arranging for such corrections. For example, in House office buildings, repair of carpeting falls within the jurisdiction of the Chief Administrative Officer. However, the Superintendent of the House Office buildings, an Architect official, may have some responsibility for notifying the Chief Administrative Officer that such repairs are needed, if the Member or office staff does not do so.

The above rules are derived from the so-called multi-employer doctrine applied by OSHA as a means of apportioning liability for abatement and penalties at multi-employer worksites where one employer created the hazard and some employees, but not necessarily its own, are exposed to it. *See generally Brennan v. OSHRC (Underhill Construction Corp.),* 513 F.2d 1032, 1038 (2d Cir. 1975); Mark A. Rothstein, *Occupational Safety and Health Law* §§161–169 (3d ed. 1990). Under this doctrine, an employer at a multi-employer worksite is responsible, even in the absence of exposure of its own employees, for any hazardous conditions which it creates or controls. *Id. See also H.B. Zachry Co.*, 8 OSHC 1669, 1980 OSHD ¶25,588 (1980), *affirmed* 638 F.2d 812 (5th Cir. 1981); OSHA Field Inspection Reference Manual III–28 (1994).

There is an issue whether application of the multi-employer doctrine by OSHA in the private sector context is in all situations authorized by the OSHAct. *Compare Teal v. E.I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co.*, 728 F.2d 799, 804–05 (6th Cir. 1984) (''Once an employer is deemed responsible for complying with OSHA regulations, it is obligated to protect every employee who works at its workplace.'') and *Beatty Equip. Leasing v. Secretary of Labor*, F.2d 534, 537 (9th Cir. 1978) (subcontractor who supplied and erected scaffolding liable even where his own employees not exposed) with *Melerine v. Avondale Shipyards, Inc.*, 659 F.2d 706, 712 (5th Cir. 1981) (''In this circuit, therefore, the class protected by OSHA regulations comprises only employer's own employees.''). However, the Board need not address this issue because the CAA expressly imposes responsibility for correction of health and safety violations on an otherwise covered Legislative Branch entity ''irrespective of whether the entity has an employment relationship with any covered employee in any employing office in which such a violation occurs.'' 2 U.S.C. §1341(a)(2)(C). Accordingly, the above regulations are consistent with the OSHAct as modified by the express terms of section 215 of the CAA.

b. Classifying the level of risk/seriousness of the violation. The proposed regulations do not include a provision classifying categories of violations. The method for identifying the employing offices responsible for correcting a violation of section 215(a) set forth in section 1.106 of the proposed regulations is not affected by the category or type of violation. Moreover, such categories of violations are not set forth in any substantive regulations of the Secretary required to be adopted under section 215(d). Therefore, the Board does not propose any substantive regulations which set forth categories of violations.

The Board notes that the General Counsel has developed, as part of his authority to inspect covered facilities under section 215(e), classifications of violations to guide employing offices and covered employees in assigning priority for correction and abatement of hazards. The General Counsel's guidelines are based on those issued by OSHA in determining the amount of proposed penalties in cases involving private employers. *See generally* 29 U.S.C. §§666(j) and (k). Although neither the General Counsel nor the Office has authority to impose monetary penalties under section 215 of the CAA, *see* 2 U.S.C. §§1341(b) and 1361(c) (limiting remedy under section 215 to injunctive provisions of section 13(a) of the OSHAct and providing that no civil penalty may be awarded with respect to any claim under the CAA), the factors considered by OSHA in determining the amount of penalty may be useful as an expression of the gravity of the deficiency involved. A further description of these categories is set forth in the General Counsel's inspection report. *See* Safety and Health Report, App. I.

4. *Future changes in the text of the health and safety standards which the Board has adopted.*—The Board proposes that the section 215 regulations incorporate the text of the referenced health and safety standards of parts 1910 and 1926 in effect as of the effective date of these regulations. The Board takes notice that OSHA has in recent years made frequent changes, both technical and nontechnical, to its part 1910 and 1926 regulations, and is in the process of developing additional safety and health standards in some areas. The Board interprets the incorporation by reference of external documents or standards in the text of the adopted Parts 1910 and 1926 regulations (such as the provisions of the National Electrical Code) to include any future changes to such documents or standards. As the Office receives notice of such changes by OSHA, it will advise covered employing offices and employees of them as part of its education and information activities. As to changes in the text of the adopted regulations themselves, however, the Board finds that, under the CAA statutory scheme, additional Board rulemaking under section 215(d) will be required. The Board believes that it should afford Legislative Branch entities and employees potentially affected by adoption of such changes the opportunity to comment on the propriety of Board adoption of any such changes, and that the Congress should have the opportunity to specifically approve such adoption by the Board. The Board specifically invites comments on this proposal.

5. *Technical and nomenclature changes.*—The proposed regulations make technical and nomenclature changes, where appropriate, to conform to the provisions of the CAA.

Recommended method of approval: The Board recommends that (1) the version of the proposed regulations that shall apply to the Senate and employees of the Senate be approved by the Senate by resolution; (2) the version of the proposed regulations that shall apply to the House of Representatives and employees of the House of Representatives be approved by the House of Representatives by resolution; and (3) the version of the proposed regulations that shall apply to other covered employees and employing offices be approved by the Congress by concurrent resolution.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on this 18th day of September, 1996.

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APPLICATION OF RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970 (SECTION 215 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995)

Part 1——Matters of General Applicability to All Regulations Promulgated Uuder Section 215 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995

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§1.101 Purpose and scope.

(a) *Section 215 of the CAA.* Enacted into law on January 23, 1995, the Congressional Accountability Act (''CAA'') directly applies the rights and protections of eleven federal labor and employment law and public access statutes to covered employees and employing offices within the Legislative Branch. Section 215(a) of the CAA provides that each employing office and each covered employee shall comply with the provisions of section 5 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (''OSHAct''), 29 U.S.C. §654. Section 5(a) of the OSHAct provides that every covered employer has a general duty to furnish each employee with employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to those employees, and a specific duty to comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated under the law. Section 5(b) requires covered employees to comply with occupational safety and health standards and with all rules, regulations and orders which are applicable to their actions and conduct. Set forth herein are the substantive regulations that the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance has promulgated pursuant to section 215(d) of the CAA.

(b) *Purpose and scope of regulations.* The regulations set forth herein (Parts 1 and 1900) are the substantive regulations that the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance has promulgated pursuant to section 215(d) of the CAA. Part 1 contains the general provisions applicable to all regulations under section 215, including the method of identifying entities responsible for correcting a violation of section 215. Part 1900 contains the substantive safety and health standards which the Board has adopted as substantive regulations under section 215(e).

§1.102 Definitions.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in these regulations, as used in these regulations:

(a) *Act* or *CAA* means the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (Pub.L. 104–1, 109 Stat. 3, 2 U.S.C. §§1301–1438).

(b) *OSHAct* means the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. §§651, *et seq.*), as applied to covered employees and employing offices by Section 215 of the CAA.

(c) The term *covered employee* means any employee of (1) the House of Representatives; (2) the Senate; (3) the Capitol Guide Service; (4) the Capitol Police; (5) the Congressional Budget Office; (6) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol; (7) the Office of the Attending Physician; and (8) the Office of Compliance.

(d) The term *employee* includes an applicant for employment and a former employee.

(e) The term *employee of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol* includes any employee of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Botanic Gardens, or the Senate Restaurants.

(f) The term *employee of the Capitol Police* includes any member or officer of the Capitol Police.

(g) The term *employee of the House of Representatives* includes an individual occupying a position the pay for which is disbursed by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or another official designated by the House of Representatives, or any employment position in an entity that is paid with funds derived from the clerk-hire allowance of the House of Representatives but not any such individual employed by any entity listed in subparagraphs (3) through (8) of paragraph (c) above.

(h) The term *employee of the Senate* includes any employee whose pay is disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate, but not any such individual employed by any entity listed in subparagraphs (3) through (8) of paragraph (c) above.

(i) The term *employing office* means: (1) the personal office of a Member of the House of Representatives or the Senate or a joint committee; (2) a committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate or a joint committee; (3) any other office headed by a person with the final authority to appoint, hire, discharge, and set the terms, conditions, or privileges of the employment of an employee of the House of Representatives or the Senate; or (4) the Capitol Guide Board, the Congressional Budget Office, the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Office of the Attending Physician, and the Office of Compliance.

(j) The term *employing office* includes any of the following entities that is responsible for correction of a violation of this section, irrespective of whether the entity has an employment relationship with any covered employee in any employing office in which such violation occurs: (1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee; (2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee; (3) each joint committee of the Congress; (4) the Capitol Guide Service; (5) the Capitol Police; (6) the Congressional Budget Office; (7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden); (8) the Office of the Attending Physician; and (9) the Office of Compliance.

(k) *Board* means the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance.

(l) *Office* means the Office of Compliance.

(m) *General Counsel* means the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance.

§ 1.103 Coverage.

The coverage of Section 215 of the CAA extends to any ''covered employee.'' It also extends to any ''covered employing office,'' which includes any of the following entities that is responsible for correcting a violation of section 215 (as determined under section 1.106), irrespective of whether the entity has an employment relationship with any covered employee in any employing office in which such a violation occurs:

(1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee;

(2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee;

(3) each joint committee of the Congress;

(4) the Capitol Guide Service;

(5) the Capitol Police;

(6) the Congressional Budget Office;

(7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden);

(8) the Office of the Attending Physician; and

(9) the Office of Compliance.

§ 1.104 Notice of protection.

Pursuant to section 301(h) of the CAA, the Office shall prepare, in a manner suitable for posting, a notice explaining the provisions of section 215 of the CAA. Copies of such notice may be obtained from the Office of Compliance.

§ 1.105 Authority of the Board.

Pursuant to section 215 and 304 of the CAA, the Board is authorized to issue regulations to implement the rights and protections of section 215(a). Section 215(d) of the CAA directs the Board to promulgate regulations implementing section 215 that are ''the same as substantive regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (a) except to the extent that the Board may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section.'' 2 U.S.C. §1341(d). The regulations issued by the Board herein are on all matters for which section 215 of the CAA requires a regulation to be issued. Specifically, it is the Board's considered judgment, based on the information available to it at the time of promulgation of these regulations, that, with the exception of the regulations adopted and set forth herein, there are no other ''substantive regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (a) [of section 215 of the CAA]'' that need be adopted.

In promulgating these regulations, the Board has made certain technical and nomenclature changes to the regulations as promulgated by the Secretary. Such changes are intended to make the provisions adopted accord more naturally to situations in the Legislative Branch. However, by making these changes, the Board does not intend a substantive difference between these regulations and those of the Secretary from which they are derived. Moreover, such changes, in and of themselves, are not intended to constitute an interpretation of the regulation or of the statutory provisions of the CAA upon which they are based.

§ 1.106 Method for identifying the entity responsible for correction of violations of section 215.

(a) *Purpose and scope.* Section 215(d)(3) of the CAA provides that regulations under section 215(d) include a method of identifying, for purposes of this section and for categories of violations of section 215(a), the employing office responsible for correcting a particular violation. This section sets forth the method for identifying responsible employing offices for the purpose of allocating responsibility for correcting violations of section 215(a) of the CAA. These rules apply to the General Counsel in the exercise of his authority to issue citations or notices to employing offices under sections 215(c)(2)(A) and (B), and to the Office and the Board in the adjudication of complaints under section 215(c)(3).

(b) *Employing Office(s) Responsible for Correcting a Violation of Section 215(a) of the CAA.* With respect to the safety and health standards and other obligations imposed upon employing offices under section 215(a) of the CAA, correction of a violation of section 215(a) is the responsibility of any employing office that is an exposing employing office, a creating employing office, a controlling employing office, and/or a correcting employing office, as defined in this subsection, to the extent that the employing office is in a position to correct or abate the hazard or to ensure its correction or abatement.

(i) *Creating employing office* means the employing office that actually created the hazard forming the basis of the violation or violations of section 215(a).

(ii) *Exposing employing office* means the employing office whose employees are exposed to the hazard forming the basis of the violation or violations of section 215(a).

(iii) *Controlling employing office* means the employing office that is responsible, by agreement or legal authority or through actual practice, for safety and health conditions in the location where the hazard forming the basis for the violation or violations of section 215(a) occurred.

(iv) *Correcting employing office* means the employing office that has the responsibility for actually performing (or the authority or power to order or arrange for) the work necessary to correct or abate the hazard forming the basis of the violation or violations of section 215(a).

(c) *Exposing Employing Office Duties.* Employing offices have direct responsibility for the safety and health of their own employees and are required to instruct them about the hazards that might be encountered, including what protective measures to use. An employing office may not contract away these legal duties to its employees or its ultimate responsibilities under section 215(a) of the CAA by requiring another party or entity to perform them. In addition, if equipment or facilities to be used by an employing office, but not under the control of the employing office, do not meet applicable health and safety standards or otherwise constitutes a violation of section 215(a), it is the responsibility of the employing office not to permit its employees to utilize such equipment or facilities. In such circumstances, the employing office is in violation if, and only if, it permits its employees to utilize such equipment or facilities. It is not the responsibility of an employing office to effect the correction of any such deficiencies itself, but this does not relieve it of its duty to use only equipment or facilities that meet the requirements of section 215(a).

Part 1900—Adoption of Occupational Safety and Health Standards

Sec.

§ 1900.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) The provisions of this subpart B adopt and extend the applicability of occupational safety and health standards established and promulgated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (''OSHA'') and set forth at Parts 1910 and 1926 of title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, with respect to every employing office, employee, and employment covered by section 215 of the Congressional Accountability Act.

(b) It bears emphasis that only standards (i.e., substantive rules) relating to safety or health are adopted by any incorporations by reference of standards prescribed in this Part. Other materials contained in the referenced parts are not adopted. Illustrations of the types of materials which are not adopted are these. The incorporation by reference of part 1926, 29 CFR, is not intended to include references to interpretative rules having relevance to the application of the Construction Safety Act, but having no relevance to the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Similarly, the incorporation by reference of part 1910, 29 CFR, is not intended to include any reference to the Assistant Secretary of Labor and the authorities of the Assistant Secretary. The authority to adopt, promulgate, and amend or revoke standards applicable to covered employment under the CAA rests with the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance pursuant to sections 215(d) and 304 of the CAA. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the incorporated standards, the exclusive means for enforcement of these standards with respect to covered employment are the procedures and remedies provided for in section 215 of the CAA.

(c) This part incorporates the referenced safety and health standards in effect as of the effective date of these regulations.

§ 1900.2 Definitions, provisions regarding scope, applicability and coverage, and exemptions.

(a) Except where inconsistent with the definitions, provisions regarding scope, application and coverage, and exemptions provided in the CAA or other sections of these

regulations, the definitions, provisions regarding scope, application and coverage, and exemptions provided in Parts 1910 and 1926, 29 CFR, as incorporated into these regulations, shall apply under these regulations. For example, any reference to ''employer'' in Parts 1910 and 1926 shall be deemed to refer to ''employing office.'' Similarly, any limitation on coverage in Parts 1910 and 1926 to employers engaged ''in a business that affects commerce'' shall not apply in these regulations.

(b) The provisions of section 1910.6, 29 CFR, regarding the force and effect of standards of agencies of the U.S. Government and organizations that are not agencies of the U.S. Government, which are incorporated by reference in Part 1910, shall apply to the standards incorporated into these regulations.

(c) It is the Board's intent that the standards adopted in these regulations shall have the same force and effect as applied to covered employing offices and employees under section 215 of the CAA as those standards have when applied by OSHA to employers, employees, and places of employment under the jurisdiction of OSHA and the OSHAct.

§1900.3 Adoption of occupational safety and health standards.

(a) *Part 1910 Standards.* The standards prescribed in 29 CFR part 1910, Subparts B through S, and Subpart Z, as specifically referenced and set forth herein at Appendix A, are adopted as occupational safety and health standards under Section 215(d) of the CAA and shall apply, according to the provisions thereof, to every employment and place of employment of every covered employee engaged in work in an employing office. Each employing office shall protect the employment and places of employment of each of its covered employees by complying with the appropriate standards described in this paragraph.

(b) *Part 1926 Standards.* The standards prescribed in 29 CFR part 1926, Subparts C through X and Subpart Z, as specifically referenced and forth herein at Appendix B, are adopted as occupational safety and health standards under Section 215(d) of the CAA and shall apply, according to the provisions thereof, to every employment and place of employment of every covered employee engaged in work in an employing office. Each employing office shall protect the employment and places of employment of each of its covered employees by complying with the appropriate standards described in this paragraph.

(c) *Standards not adopted.* This section adopts as occupational safety and health standards under section 215(d) of the CAA the standards which are prescribed in Parts 1910 and 1926 of 29 CFR. Thus, the standards (substantive rules) published in subparts B through S and Z of part 1910 and subparts C through X and Z of part 1926 are applied. As set forth in Appendix A and Appendix B to this Part, this section does not incorporate all sections contained in these subparts. For example, this section does not incorporate sections 1910.15, 1910.16, and 1910.142, relating to shipyard employment, longshoring and marine terminals, and temporary labor camps, because such provisions have no application to employment within entities covered by the CAA.

(d) Copies of the standards which are incorporated by reference may be examined at the Office of Compliance, Room LA 200, 110 Second Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540–1999. The OSHA standards may also be found at 29 CFR Parts 1910 and 1926. Copies of the standards may also be examined at the national office of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210, and their regional offices. Copies of private standards may be obtained from the issuing organizations. Their names and addresses are listed in the pertinent subparts of Parts 1910 and 1926, 29 CFR.

(e) Any changes in the standards incorporated by reference in the portions of Parts 1910 and 1926, 29 CFR, adopted herein and an official historic file of such changes are available for inspection at the national office of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Appendix A To Part 1900—References to Sections of Part 1910, 29 CFR, Adopted as Occupational Safety and Health Standards Under Section 215(d) of the CAA

The following is a reference listing of the sections and subparts of Part 1910, 29 CFR, which are adopted as occupational safety and health standards under section 215(d) of the Congressional Accountability Act. Unless otherwise specifically noted, any reference to a section number includes any appendices to that section.

Part 1910—Occupational Safety and Health Standards

Subpart B—Adoption and Extension of Established Federal Standards

Sec.
1910.12 Construction work.
1910.18 Changes in established Federal standards.
1910.19 Special provisions for air contaminants.

Subpart C—General Safety and Health Provisions [Reserved]

Subpart D—Walking—Working Surfaces

1910.21 Definitions.
1910.22 General requirements.
1910.23 Guarding floor and wall openings and holes.
1910.24 Fixed industrial stairs.
1910.25 Portable wood ladders.
1910.26 Portable metal ladders.
1910.27 Fixed ladders.
1910.28 Safety requirements for scaffolding.
1910.29 Manually propelled mobile ladder stands and scaffolds (towers).
1910.30 Other working surfaces.

Subpart E—Means of Egress

1910.35 Definitions.
1910.36 General requirements.
1910.37 Means of egress, general.
1910.38 Employee emergency plans and fire prevention plans.
APPENDIX TO SUBPART E—MEANS OF EGRESS

Subpart F—Powered Platforms, Manlifts, and Vehicle-Mounted Work Platforms

1910.66 Powered platforms for building maintenance.
1910.67 Vehicle-mounted elevating and rotating work platforms.
1910.68 Manlifts.

Subpart G—Occupational Health and Environmental Control

1910.94 Ventilation.
1910.95 Occupational noise exposure.
1910.97 Nonionizing radiation.

Subpart H—Hazardous Materials

1910.101 Compressed gases (general requirements).
1910.102 Acetylene.
1910.103 Hydrogen.
1910.104 Oxygen.
1910.105 Nitrous oxide.
1910.106 Flammable and combustible liquids.
1910.107 Spray finishing using flammable and combustible materials.
1910.108 Dip tanks containing flammable or combustible liquids.
1910.109 Explosives and blasting agents.
1910.110 Storage and handling of liquefied petroleum gases.
1910.111 Storage and handling of anhydrous ammonia.
1910.112 [Reserved]
1910.113 [Reserved]
1910.119 Process safety management of highly hazardous chemicals.
1910.120 Hazardous waste operations and emergency response.

Subpart I—Personal Protective Equipment

1910.132 General requirements.
1910.133 Eye and face protection.
1910.134 Respiratory protection.
1910.135 Head protection.
1910.136 Foot protection.
1910.137 Electrical protective devices.
1910.138 Hand Protection.

Subpart J—General Environmental Controls

1910.141 Sanitation.
1910.143 Nonwater carriage disposal systems. [Reserved]
1910.144 Safety color code for marking physical hazards.
1910.145 Specifications for accident prevention signs and tags.
1910.146 Permit-required confined spaces.
1910.147 The control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout).

Subpart K—Medical and First Aid

1910.151 Medical services and first aid.
1910.152 [Reserved]

Subpart L—Fire Protection

1910.155 Scope, application and definitions applicable to this subpart.
1910.156 Fire brigades.
PORTABLE FIRE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT
1910.157 Portable fire extinguishers.
1910.158 Standpipe and hose systems.
FIXED FIRE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT
1910.159 Automatic sprinkler systems.
1910.160 Fixed extinguishing systems, general.
1910.161 Fixed extinguishing systems, dry chemical.
1910.162 Fixed extinguishing systems, gaseous agent.
1910.163 Fixed extinguishing systems, water spray and foam.
OTHER FIRE PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS
1910.164 Fire detection systems.
1910.165 Employee alarm systems.
APPENDICES TO SUBPART L
APPENDIX A TO SUBPART L—FIRE PROTECTION
APPENDIX B TO SUBPART L—NATIONAL CONSENSUS STANDARDS
APPENDIX C TO SUBPART L—FIRE PROTECTION REFERENCES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
APPENDIX D TO SUBPART L—AVAILABILITY OF PUBLICATIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN SECTION 1910.156 FIRE BRIGADES
APPENDIX E TO SUBPART L—TEST METHODS FOR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Subpart M—Compressed Gas and Compressed Air Equipment

1910.166 [Reserved]
1910.167 [Reserved]
1910.168 [Reserved]
1910.169 Air receivers.

Subpart N—Materials Handling and Storage

1910.176 Handling material—general.
1910.177 Servicing multi-piece and single piece rim wheels.
1910.178 Powered industrial trucks.
1910.179 Overhead and gantry cranes.
1910.180 Crawler locomotive and truck cranes.
1910.181 Derricks.
1910.183 Helicopters.
1910.184 Slings.

Subpart O—Machinery and Machine Guarding

1910.211 Definitions.
1910.212 General requirements for all machines.
1910.213 Woodworking machinery requirements.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5210. A letter from the Secretaries of Education and Labor, transmitting a report on activities carried out under the School-to-Work Opportunities Act; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

5211. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Redesignation of Puget Sound, Washington, for Air Quality Planning Purposes: Ozone [FRL–5613–3] received September 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5212. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan for Montana; Libby Moderate PM10 Nonattainment Area [FRL–5609–8] received September 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5213. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Operating Permits Program Interim Approval Extensions [FRL–5612–3] received September 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5214. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Delaware; Final

Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program [FRL–5614–6] received September 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5215. A letter from the Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the annual report to Congress summarizing the Office of Inspector General's work in the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund Program for fiscal 1995, pursuant to Public Law 99–499, section 120(e)(5) (100 Stat. 1669); to the Committee on Commerce.

5216. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Oman (Transmittal No. 28–96), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

5217. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Oman (Transmittal No. 25–96), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

5218. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting memorandum of justification for use of section 506(a)(2) special authority to draw down articles, services, and military education and training, pursuant to Public Law 101–513, section 547(a) (104 Stat. 2019); to the Committee on International Relations.

5219. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting memorandum of justification for use of section 506(a)(2) special authority to draw down articles, services, and military education and training, pursuant to Public Law 101–513, section 547(a) (104 Stat. 2019); to the Committee on International Relations.

5220. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting notification of an altered system report to amend an existing routine use in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Privacy Act system of records entitled, ''FEMA/REG–2, Disaster Recovery Assistance Files,'' pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5221. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Migratory Bird Hunting; Seasons and Bag Limits for the 1996–97 Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day (RIN: 1018–AD69) received September 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5222. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Western Area Power Administration's Policy for the Purchase of Non-Hydropower Renewable Resources (6450–01–P) received September 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5223. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army, transmitting notification that the Secretary of the Army has approved the Poplar Island, MD, beneficial use of dredged material project; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5224. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Government Securities Act Regulations: Large Position Rule (RIN: 1505–AA53) received September 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5225. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Compliance with Tax-Exempt Bond Arbitrage Requirements (Notice 96–49) received September 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5226. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Regulatory Reinvention Initiative—Request for Comments (Notice 96–35) received September 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5227. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of the Department's intent to provide $100,000 in fiscal year 1996 funds made available under chapter 6 of part II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1996, in the form of a voluntary contribution to the International Organization for Migration [IOM] for the use of the Commission for Real Property Claims of Displaced Persons and Refugees in Bosnia and Herzegovina, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2394–1(a); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

5228. A letter from the Executive Director, Office of Compliance, transmitting notice of proposed rulemaking for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, pursuant to Public law 104–1, section 303(b) (109 Stat. 38); jointly, to the Committees on House Oversight and Economic and Educational Opportunities.

5229. A letter from the Board of Directors, Office of Compliance, transmitting notice of proposed rulemaking for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, pursuant to Public Law 104–1, section 304(b)(1) (109 Stat. 29); jointly, to the Committees on House Oversight and Economic and Educational Opportunities.

5230. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled ''Military Beneficiaries Medicare Reimbursement Model Project Act of 1996''; jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means, National Security, and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 3828. A bill to amend the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, and for other purposes (Rept. 104–808). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 525. Resolution waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and for other purposes (Rept. 104–809). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. WILLIAMS (for himself and Mr. OXLEY):

H.R. 4114. A bill to improve and expand the system of safety of precautions that protects the welfare of professional boxers, to assist State boxing commissions to provide proper oversight for professional boxing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FRAZER (for himself, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. OWENS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. WATERS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RUSH, Mr. LAFALCE, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. WARD, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. WYNN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, and Mr. JEFFERSON):

H.R. 4115. A bill to require the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to study the feasibility of a Residential Windstorm Insurance Program designed to provide windstorm insurance to residential property owners unable to obtain coverage in the private market and to require a study by the Comptroller General of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of Commerce to evaluate the public policy issues associated with conferring favorable Federal tax treatment to insurance reserves set aside by private insurers for future catastropic natural disasters; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. MALONEY, and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 4117. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to establish provisions with respect to religious accommodation in employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. HANSEN:

H.R. 4118. A bill to amend the Antiquities Act to limit the authority of the President to designate areas in excess of 5,000 acres as national monuments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

H.R. 4119. A bill to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, GA, as the ''William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse''; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. CHENOWETH (for herself and Mr. CRAPO):

H.R. 4120. A bill to prohibit further extension or establishment of any national monument in Idaho without full public participation and an express act of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 4121. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to penalize those who endanger children in hostage situations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GUTIERREZ (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. FILNER, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. WATERS, Mr. STARK, Mr. TORRES, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD):

H.R. 4122. A bill to rescind restrictions on welfare and public benefits for legal immigrants enacted by title 4 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, to reduce corporate

welfare, to strengthen tax provisions regarding persons who relinquish U.S. citizenship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts:

H.R. 4123. A bill to amend certain provisions of law relating to child pornography, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KLINK (for himself, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. OWENS, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. DELLUMS, and Mr. EVANS):

H.R. 4124. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the denial of deduction for excessive employee compensation shall apply to all employees and to expand the types of compensation to which such denial applies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BROWN of California, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FARR, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FROST, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MANTON, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. OBEY, Mr. OLVER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SAWYER, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. VENTO, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. YATES):

H.R. 4125. A bill to inform and empower consumers in the United States through a voluntary labeling system for wearing apparel and sporting goods made without abusive and exploitative child labor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BAKER of California (for himself, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. DOOLEY, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. MATSUI, Mrs. SEASTRAND, Mr. FARR, Mr. DREIER, Mr. FILNER, Mr. KIM, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. BILBRAY, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. STARK, Mr. PACKARD, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. MCKEON, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HORN, Mr. DIXON, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. COX, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. HERGER, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. WATERS, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD):

H.R. 4126. A bill to support the California-Federal [CALFED] Bay-Delta Program in developing, funding and implementing a balanced, long-term solution to the problems of ecosystem quality, water quality, water supply, and reliability, and system vulnerability affecting the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed (the Bay-Delta) in California; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LINDER:

H. Res. 524. Resolution relating to a question of the privileges of the House; laid on the table.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia:

H. Res. 526. Resolution relating to a question of the privileges of the House; laid on the table.

By Mr. MCINTOSH:

H. Res. 527. Resolution relating to breast implants, the Food and Drug Administration, and public health; to the Committee on Commerce.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 4116. A bill to provide for the issuance of a noncompetitive oil and gas lease for certain lands; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. MCNULTY:

H.R. 4127. A bill for the relief of David R. W. Light; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 103: Mr. WAMP and Mr. LANTOS.

H.R. 127: Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee.

H.R. 303: Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 820: Mrs. MORELLA and Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 878: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 895: Mr. LEACH, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. CLEMENT, and Mr. ENSIGN.

H.R. 974: Mrs. LOWEY.

H.R. 1073: Mr. RAMSTAD and Mr. BARCIA of Michigan.

H.R. 1074: Mr. RAMSTAD and Mr. FOX.

H.R. 1090: Mr. SCHIFF and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 1161: Mr. HOUGHTON.

H.R. 1619: Mr. LONGLEY.

H.R. 2019: Mr. MASCARA.

H.R. 2152: Mr. SAXTON and Mr. CHAMBLISS.

H.R. 2450: Ms. DUNN of Washington.

H.R. 2508: Mr. PICKETT, Mr. NETHERCUTT, and Mr. CREMEANS.

H.R. 2535: Mr. HALL of Texas.

H.R. 2579: Mr. HOKE.

H.R. 2582: Mr. DAVIS.

H.R. 2585: Mrs. MORELLA.

H.R. 2651: Mr. NEUMANN.

H.R. 2741: Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 2757: Mr. PASTOR.

H.R. 2979: Mr. BOEHLERT and Mr. BENTSEN.

H.R. 2992: Mr. KING.

H.R. 3142: Mrs. LINCOLN.

H.R. 3195: Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.

H.R. 3355: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 3374: Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 3482: Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 3522: Mr. RUSH, Miss COLLINS of Michigan, and Mr. SERRANO.

H.R. 3559: Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. MCINTOSH, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mrs. CHENOWETH, and Mr. MCHUGH.

H.R. 3601: Mr. PARKER, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. STENHOLM, and Mr. MCCRERY.

H.R. 3631: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, and Mr. JACKSON.

H.R. 3654: Mr. NEY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Mr. HOUGHTON.

H.R. 3714: Mr. DOOLEY, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 3766: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 3817: Mr. MYERS of Indiana, Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, Mr. KLINK, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. POMBO, Mr. SOUDER, and Mr. HOLDEN.

H.R. 3831: Mr. TRAFICANT.

H.R. 3839: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. TRAFICANT, and Mr. SPRATT.

H.R. 3856: Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 3937: Mr. STUMP, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. CRANE, Mr. FROST, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, and Mr. SANDERS.

H.R. 3996: Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 4001: Mr. SERRANO.

H.R. 4006: Mr. COX.

H.R. 4035: Mr. LIPINSKI and Ms. RIVERS.

H.R. 4046: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 4047: Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. LEACH, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. GORDON, Mr. WAXMAN, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. MILLER of California, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. OLVER, Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. GEJDENSON.

H.R. 4068: Mr. STEARNS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. FLANAGAN, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. WELLER, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. COOLEY, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. BAESLER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. FOX, Mr. BARR, Mr. NEY, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. KOLBE, and Mr. SAM JOHNSON.

H.R. 4090: Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky.

H.R. 4102: Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Ms. DANNER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BONO, Mr. WAMP, Mr. HOSTETTLER, and Mr. DINGELL.

H.R. 4111: Mr. BLUTE.

H.J. Res. 194: Ms. NORTON.

H. Con. Res. 63: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

H. Con. Res. 175: Mr. GORDON.

H. Con. Res. 212: Mr. CHABOT.

H. Res. 491: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. OWENS, and Mrs. LOWEY.

H. Res. 518: Miss COLLINS of Michigan, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. FRAZER, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Ms. BROWN of Florida.

H. Res. 520: Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. DANNER, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. FATTAH, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. WYNN, Mr. FORD, Mr. TORRES, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. TEJEDA, Mr. RUSH, Mr. EVANS, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. THOMPSON, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. BISHOP, Miss COLLINS of Michigan, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. STOKES, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. NADLER, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ROSE, and Mr. SCOTT.

H. Res. 521: Mr. MATSUI, Mr. TRAFICANT, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. BOUCHER, Mrs. MALONEY, and Mr. FROST.

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, make us maximum for the demanding responsibilities and relationships of this day. We say with the Psalmist, ''The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore, my heart greatly rejoices.''—(Psalm 28:7).

Lord, our day is filled with challenges and decisions that will test our own knowledge and experience. We dare not only trust in our own understanding. In the quiet of this moment fill our inner wells with Your spirit. Our deepest desire is to live today for Your glory and by Your grace.

We praise You that it is Your desire to give good gifts to those who ask You. You give strength and courage when we seek You above anything else. You guide the humble and teach them Your way. We open our minds to receive Your inspiration. Astound us with new insight and fresh ideas we would not conceive without Your blessing. When we truly seek You and really desire Your will, You do guide us in what to ask. When we ask what You guide, You provide. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 11 a.m. Following morning business, at 11 the Senate will resume consideration of S. 39, the Magnuson fisheries bill. At that time there will be 4 minutes of debate time remaining on the Hutchison amendment. Following that debate time, the Senate will proceed to two consecutive votes, first in relation to the Hutchison amendment, if necessary, to be followed by a vote on passage of S. 39, as amended.

I want to say again how much I appreciate the good work that has been done on this legislation. This is very important conservation legislation that will help protect our fisheries and at the same time make them available for commercial fishermen and recreational fishermen. A lot of good work has been done by the Senator from Alaska, Senator STEVENS, and the Senators from Washington, and the Senator from Massachusetts, Senator KERRY. Senator HUTCHISON is very much involved. I think they have done really good work. I am pleased we are going to be able to complete this legislation this morning.

Following disposition of those votes, the Senate will then be asked to turn to the consideration of any of the following items—the maritime bill, H.R. 1350, the pipeline safety bill, and any available appropriations bills or conference reports. In the case of appropriations bills, if we could work out some sort of agreement as to how to proceed; otherwise, we may have a conference report come over from the House, perhaps today, the VA–HUD appropriations bill. I know they were trying to wrap it up last night or early this morning. The House hopes to be able to vote on that this afternoon, I believe.

Therefore, votes can be expected throughout today's session on these items or others that may be cleared. I will continue to make an effort to notify Members as early in the evening as possible as to what time we are going to finish up or whether or not there will be any additional votes, as we did at 6 o'clock last night when we notified Members there would be debate but no further votes. We will try to do that again tonight.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 61

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I understand there is a resolution at the desk that is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SMITH). The clerk will read the resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 61) granting the consent of Congress to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings on this matter at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be placed on the Calendar of General Orders.

Mr. LOTT. I yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 11 a.m.

Mr. MURKOWSKI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak in morning business for 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES ACT

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise to support the measure, S. 39, which is a bill to reauthorize and revitalize the Fisheries Conservation and Management Act, also known as the Magnuson Act. This is without a doubt one of the most important conservation bills that has come before this Congress, along with the nuclear waste bill.

The text of the bill before us, which was discussed at some length last night, has changed a good deal since the bill that I had the honor to cosponsor along with Senator STEVENS and Senator KERRY, in the final days of the 103d Congress. And almost 2 years since that day, Senator STEVENS and Senator KERRY have led, I think, a remarkable, bipartisan effort to resolve other Members' problems with the bill as originally introduced. I would like to commend both of them. I would like to also recognize the cooperation of Senator MURRAY, Senator GORTON, of course our leader, Senator LOTT, and many others who worked to bring this about.

I cannot say I am completely satisfied with all the changes that have been necessary to accommodate the interests of various Members but that how the process of legislating works. However, I can say that I have watched and participated in the evolution of this legislation with very close attention. I am confident the managers have made every possible effort to make those accommodations without violating the intent of and the integrity of the bill.

I also want to recognize the tremendous efforts that have been made by others, including Bill Woolf of my staff, and the staffs of Senator STEVENS and others, to bring this to fulfillment.

The fishing industry itself, the industry groups, the environmental community, and others who have participated in this bill to this point also deserve recognition. For without that cooperative effort, we would not be where we are today, ready to culminate this effort in a floor vote.

My efforts in connection with this bill have largely focused on certain issues that have recently exploded in national prominence: fisheries bycatch and discard—in other words, the incidental catch that is picked up as the preferred species is pursued, and the disposed of by discarding it over the side of the fishing vessel.

My first association with that came as a consequence of being appointed by Senator Dole to represent the U.S. Senate at the United Nations. I learned of a report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that indicated that a world total fishery landing figures of about 83 million metric tons did not include the 27 million metric tons of incidental catch discarded overboard. The grand total of fish caught, I learned, could easily exceed the sustainable harvest level of the world's oceans by as much as 10 million metric tons.

Such incidental catch, Mr. President, is simply thrown over the side, back into the ocean. And it is not thrown over alive, it is thrown over dead. While it makes food for other fish, it is still an excessive waste. So what we are looking at is a total catch of about 110 million metric tons of which we discard 27 million metric tons and retain and consume 83 million metric tons.

The scientists tell us the ocean is capable of producing—on a renewable basis—about 100 million metric tons. Well, one can quickly see the possibility that we are overfishing the oceans of the world by about 10 million metric tons.

If we could just address the discard, to reduce that tonnage, we could get this thing in balance. That was of particular interest and a role that I played. I introduced the first bill to address bycatch and discard back in 1993. Today, almost 3 years later, I am pleased to say that we are finally on the verge of taking action. The bill before us follows the lead of my earlier efforts by establishing a new national standard calling for bycatch to be avoided, where possible, and where it cannot be avoided for steps to minimize the resulting fisheries mortalities. We focused in on this issue. This will put us on the road to reducing and, hopefully, stopping the shameful waste that is currently occurring in many fisheries.

Following this principle, my good friend, Senator STEVENS, has also authored a separate section of the bill for Alaska only, which calls for annual bycatch reductions in the Gulf of Alaska and in the Bering Sea off Alaska.

Among other provisions, this bill will improve fisheries conservation and utilization, on which so many individuals in our coastal communities depend. It will for the first time address the problem of overfishing by requiring corrective action to be taken when a fishery is or is in danger of becoming overfished. It will also strengthen the fisheries management process by improving the way that regional fishery councils function, improve the way fisheries research is conducted and make many other changes of great importance and urgent need.

Mr. President, two issues which have been most contentious during this reauthorization process are the prospects for a new type of fishery limitation called an individual fishing quota program, and for a community development quota program intended to pass through some of the benefits from fisheries in the Bering Sea to disadvantaged, largely small native communities in that area.

In Alaska, and elsewhere, there has been considerable debate on redesigning fishery management using an individual fishing quota system. I will not attempt to get into the level of detail necessary to explain how this would differ from the existing system of management. Suffice it to say that supporters believe this would solve most of today's problems of overcapitalized fisheries with the least Government interference, and opponents claim it would not only be costly to the Government but hugely unfair to those who are excluded and to communities dependent on fishing.

The bill before us represents a compromise between these two positions. It contains a moratorium on new individual fishing quota systems, and a comprehensive study of their potential—that is both good and bad—and of their actual impacts in those cases where they have already been used. I believe this is a compromise worthy of our support as a Senate body.

In the case of the community development program proposal, we also see the results of sensible, needed compromise. The bill before us today provides a mechanism to assign some of the volume of fish coming from Bering Sea fisheries to the task of helping provide a stable, permanent economic base for some of the poorest, most disadvantaged communities in the country. This is a very worthy goal, and it is also one that I believe deserves the support of my colleagues.

Finally, there are far too many other specifics in this bill to recount them all, or to provide my views on each and every issue the bill addresses. –Instead, let me close with this: If there is anything on which we can agree, it is the need for productive, healthy oceans. That is the goal of this bill, and this bill is Congress' farthest ever reach toward reaching it. Let's not waste the opportunity.

Finally, let me note that my good friend and colleague, the senior Senator, Senator STEVENS, worked with the late Senator Magnuson on the original formulation of this bill. I personally feel that this legislation should be referred to as the Magnuson-Stevens legislation, but recognizing the lateness of the date for such a change, I will reserve that name for my own thoughts about it.

I do want to congratulate my senior colleague for his tireless efforts, and that of his staff, as well as many other Senators, to bring this bill before the Senate today. Needless to say, I urge its successful passage.

I yield the floor.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, we are now in morning business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I will speak no more than 5 minutes, but I ask unanimous consent Senator KENNEDY follow me for up to 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The remarks of Mr. CRAIG pertaining to the introduction of S. 2092 are printed in today's RECORD under ''Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.'')

Mr. KENNEDY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts is recognized.

IMMIGRATION

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, Republicans in Congress say they want to work out an immigration bill that can become law. Yet, the only negotiations now going on are between Republicans and Republicans. The struggling Dole campaign is desperately trying to keep the poison pill Gallegly amendment in the bill, over the objections of many Republicans who want to deal responsibly with illegal immigration. Dr. Dole is prescribing a poison pill, but Congress doesn't have to swallow it.

The record is clear. Members of both parties have worked together effectively and intensively for the past 2 years to develop bipartisan legislation to address the crisis in illegal immigration, and it is irresponsible for Bob Dole to sabotage the possibility of agreement.

This bill had its origin in the work of the bipartisan Jordan commission, which conducted extensive hearings and produced a comprehensive set of recommendations in September 1994.

Senator SIMPSON then conducted extensive Judiciary Committee hearings in 1995 on needed enforcement at the border, and on measures to deny jobs to illegal immigrants and prevent document fraud. The Immigration Subcommittee held 3 days of markup in June 1995 and again in November.

The full Judiciary Committee considered almost 150 amendments during 8 days in February and March 1996.

The full Senate adopted by the bill by an overwhelming vote of 97 to 3 in May, after almost 2 weeks of intense debate.

So we know how to work together to develop responsible legislation to combat illegal immigration. But instead of working together in this final stage, Republicans Tuesday canceled our immigration meeting at the last minute.

So far, Republicans are still fighting among themselves because of Bob Dole's irresponsible 11th hour intervention to salvage his campaign by sinking the bill, so that President Clinton will not have this bill to sign.

We need a bill that is tough at the border and tough in the workplace, not tough on children. We need a bill that tackles the problem of document fraud head on, so that illegal immigrants can no longer steal American jobs by using counterfeit documents to pose as legal workers. We need a bill that continues to protect Americans and legal immigrants from job discrimination. We need a bill that preserves the ability of American citizens to bring close family members to the United States.

We need a bill that protects all refugees from exclusion, not just those from Cuba. We need a bill that treats legal immigrants fairly under the welfare laws.

The current Republican bill winks at unscrupulous employers, and then lowers the boom on innocent school children through the Gallegly amendment.

The Nation's police officers and educators vigorously oppose the Gallegly amendment, and for good reason. As Chief of Police Jerry Sanders of San Diego wrote in his June 25 letter to Congress:

> If the proposed legislation becomes law, thousands of children may be turned away from school. Many of these children will be drawn to trouble or victimized by it, and I believe that both gang activity and juvenile crime will increase. I hope you will take these factors into consideration, and I encourage you to oppose the legislation.

Expelling children from school and dumping them on the street is no solution to the problem of illegal immigration, and is not even a partial solution. It will only make other problems worse. The cost to America in crime and other social costs will be immense.

A UCLA study found that each student kicked out of school will cost the Los Angeles government $6,100 in police costs, judicial and penal costs, and health, welfare, and employment services.

Teenage pregnancy rates rise dramatically when students leave school. The pregnancy rate for teenagers in school is 8 percent, compared with 41 percent for those who are out of school. The result is huge costs in emergency medical services, intensive care for babies born prematurely to teenage mothers, and welfare costs for the children.

Every major study of illegal immigration reaches the same conclusion. The reason illegal immigrants come to the United States is for jobs. Jobs are the overwhelming magnet. They don't come so that their children can attend U.S. schools.

That was the conclusion of the 1976 report of the Ford administration's Domestic Council Committee on Illegal Immigration. That was the conclusion of the 1981 report of Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy chaired by Father Theodore Hesburgh. That was the conclusion of the Bush administration survey of illegal immigrants in 1992. That was the conclusion of the Barbara Jordan commission in 1994. That was the conclusion this year of a study by the Center for Population Research at the National Institutes of Health, which concluded that ''the estimated value of welfare, medical, and educational benefits that migrants could expect to receive in the United States had no clear relationship to the likehood of migrating.''

Expelling children from school won't prevent illegal immigration. Some 80 percent of the children have brothers or sisters or parents who are legally in the United States or who may even be citizens. These families have roots here, and the Gallegly amendment won't make them leave.

Some versions of the Gallegly amendment have proposed that States charge tuition, rather than expelling children from school. The average cost of public school is $5,600 per child per year. Charging tuition is the same as kicking children out of school. Their parents can't afford tuition, even if they were willing to identify themselves by writing a check.

The Gallegly amendment is only the beginning of the problems with the current Republican bill. Republicans have kowtowed to special business interests and eliminated needed provisions to protect American jobs from illegal workers. In fact, for American workers under the Republican bill, it is three strikes and you're out.

First, the bill denies the Department of Labor the additional inspectors needed to make sure employers obey the law. The Senate bill added 350 more inspectors, a 50-percent increase. The House bill contained a similar increase when it was approved by the House Judiciary Committee. But under pressure from business lobbyists, the House Republican leadership quietly stripped that provision from the bill, with no vote and with no debate.

No one can say to the American people with a straight face that this bill combats illegal immigration, when it gives employers a slap on the wrist if they hire illegal immigrant workers.

Second, this bill fails to deal adequately with the serious problem of document fraud. Too many illegal workers obtain jobs by using fake documents to pass as legal immigrants or even U.S. citizens.

What's needed is more secure forms of birth certificates and other documents widely used to prove citizenship and identification. Birth certificates in particular are breeder documents. A fake birth certificate breeds a host of other fraud. With a fake birth certificate, an illegal immigrant can get a Social Security card—and often a passport, too. These fake documents enable them to get jobs illegally, and get welfare benefits illegally, too. Yet the Republican bill, under pressure from unscrupulous employers, doesn't crack down the way it should.

Third, this Republican bill gives employers who discriminate against Hispanic-American workers and Asian-American workers a green light to continue that discrimination. The bill sets an impossibly high standard for proving that employers put Hispanics and Asians through more hoops to get jobs than other American workers. This kind of job discrimination is flagrant and wrong, and Congress should not let employers continue to get away with it.

The Republican bill also puts an unfair dollar sign on family reunification. American citizens who want to bring in family members—even wives or husbands or young children—must meet excessive income standards. It doesn't matter if the family members they are sponsoring have a job or have assets of their own. These citizens are out of luck and out of hope for reuniting their families in America, and Congress should reject this harsh antifamily standard.

Finally, the Republican bill hurts refugees, makes the recent welfare reforms even worse, and gratuitously endangers the environment. All of these

issues can be satisfactorily resolved in a fair bipartisan conference. But they cannot be resolved if Republicans continue to quarrel among themselves and let the Dole campaign dictate steps that have nothing to do with reasonable immigration legislation. Bob Dole may not want action by Congress on illegal immigration but the country does, and the vast majority of Americans and Congress do.

I also ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the excellent editorial in the New York Times today.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

A DANGEROUS IMMIGRATION BILL

As the White House and members of Congress make final decisions this week about a severely flawed immigration bill, they seem more concerned with protecting their political interests than the national interest. The bill should be killed.

Debate over the bill has concentrated on whether it should contain a punitive amendment that would close school doors to illegal-immigrant children. But even without that provision, it is filled with measures that would harm American workers and legal immigrants, and deny basic legal protections to all kinds of immigrants. At the same time, the bill contains no serious steps to prevent illegal immigrants from taking American jobs.

Its most dangerous provisions would block Federal courts from reviewing many Immigration and Naturalization Service actions. This would remove the only meaningful check on the I.N.S., an agency with a history of abuse. Under the bill, every court short of the Supreme Court would be effectively stripped of the power to issue injunctions against the I.N.S. when its decisions may violate the law or the Constitution.

Injunctions have proven the only way to correct system-wide illegalities. A court injunction, for instance, forced the I.N.S. to drop its discriminatory policy of denying Haitian refugees the chance to seek political asylum.

On an individual level, legal immigrants convicted of minor crimes would be deported with no judicial review. If they apply for naturalization, they would be deported for such crimes committed in the past. The I.N.S. would gain the power to pick up people it believes are illegal aliens anywhere, and deport them without a court review if they have been here for less than two years.

The bill would also diminish America's tradition of providing asylum to the persecuted. Illegal immigrants entering the country, who may not speak English or be familiar with American law, would be summarily deported if they do not immediately request asylum or express fear of persecution. Those who do would have to prove that their fear was credible—a tougher standard than is internationally accepted—to an I.N.S. official on the spot, with no right to an interpreter or attorney.

Scam artists with concocted stories would be more likely to pass the test than the genuinely persecuted, who are often afraid of authority and so traumatized they cannot recount their experiences. Applicants would have a week to appeal to a Justice Department administrative judge but no access to real courts before deportation.

The bill would also go further than the recently adopted welfare law in attacking legal immigrants. Under the immigration bill they could be deported for using almost any form of public assistance for a year, including English classes. It would make family reunification more difficult by requiring high incomes for sponsors of new immigrants. The bill would also require workers who claim job discrimination to prove that an employer intended to discriminate, which is nearly impossible.

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Mr. KENNEDY. I will read the lead paragraph and the final paragraph.

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I yield the remainder of my time. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FRAHM). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator is recognized for 30 minutes.

Mr. CONRAD. I thank the Chair.

THE DOLE ECONOMIC PLAN—IT DOESN'T ADD UP

Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, we are now about 7 weeks away from critically important decisions about our country's future. We are 7 weeks away from the Presidential election—7 weeks away from decisions on who will represent the United States in the Halls of Congress.

This election is becoming a debate on the economic policy that will guide this country's future. There can be no more important debate. For a long time the conduct of economic policy in this country has been central to the question of who will guide our country in terms of political leadership.

Madam President, once before we had a Presidential candidate who told the American people that we could cut taxes dramatically, we could increase defense spending while holding large parts of the Federal budget harmless, and that somehow it would all add up. We took that gamble once before. It didn't work. It didn't add up.

We can just go back to 1981, and administration of Ronald Reagan, when he told the American people we could have massive tax cuts, we could increase defense spending, large parts of the Federal budget would not be touched, and it would all add up. We can see what happened.

President Reagan inherited a deficit of about $80 billion, but it quickly exploded to $200 billion a year. Then we had years of some small improvement, and years when the deficit jumped back up. But the deficit was averaging over $200 billion. At the end of his term the deficit declined slightly.

Then President Bush came into office. He inherited a deficit of $153 billion, and it promptly skyrocketed to $290 billion in 1992. President Clinton came into office at that point, and every year since the unified budget deficit has declined. Four years in a row the unified deficit has gone down. It has now been reduced by 60 percent since 1992.

So that is the record of the last three administrations with respect to deficit reduction.

Madam President, this chart shows that, even though we have made significant progress on reducing the budget deficit, if we do not keep pressure on Federal spending and if we do not keep our eye on the need for deficit reduction, very quickly we are going to see the deficit rise again. In fact, if no changes are made, the deficit from 1997 to 2006 is going to start rising dramatically. This country faces a demographic time bomb. It is called the baby-boom generation. When those baby boomers start to retire in very short order they are going to double the number of people who are eligible for our basic Federal programs—Social Security, Medicare. And that is going to put enormous pressure on the Federal budget.

That is why it is critically important that we continue to keep our eye on deficit reduction. That means we have to do more, even though without question much has been accomplished under the leadership of President Clinton. The deficit has come down dramatically. But even with all the progress that has been made, much more needs to be done or this problem once more will get away from us.

This next chart shows in a very clear way the challenge that we face over the next 6 years. This chart shows what the spending will be under current law over the next 6 years—$11.3 trillion. That is what will happen if no changes are made. And on the revenue side, if no changes are made, over the next 6 years we will get $9.9 trillion in Federal revenue.

So we can see very clearly that we are going to be adding more than $1.4 trillion to the national debt over the next 6 years if we do nothing.

What does Senator Dole propose? Senator Dole suggests, looking at these numbers—$11.3 trillion of spending, $9.9 trillion of revenue—that the first thing we ought to do is cut our revenue. He says the first thing we ought to do is, since we are going to have $9.9 trillion of revenue, let us cut that $550 billion. Let us dig the hole deeper before we start filling it in. Madam President, it does not take any great mathematician to figure out, if we are going to add more than $1.4 trillion to the debt, if we do not make any changes, and the first change Senator Dole wants to make is to cut our revenue $550 billion,

that instead of adding to the debt by more than $1.4 trillion we are going to add more than $2 trillion to the debt under the Dole plan.

Madam President, this is important for people to understand. Obviously, under the Dole plan we would add dramatically to the debt if we didn't do something. Senator Dole has said that his plan is to balance the budget by the year 2002.

Obviously, you would be adding to the debt held by the public until the point in 2002 when you finally reach unified balance. And so the debt would be increasing during this period, all the while we are moving toward unified balance in 2002, according to his statement about his plan.

So the question arises, how much do you need to cut the deficit in order to balance the unified budget by the year 2002? And we know the answers to those questions. We know that under the 1997 budget resolution, Republicans needed to cut the deficit by $584 billion to balance in the year 2002 the unified budget of the United States.

The unified budget is a big word. It is very simple what it means. It means all of the revenues and all of the expenditures of the Federal Government put into the same pot. That includes all of the Social Security surpluses that we will run over the next 6 years.

We need $584 billion of spending cuts in order to balance the unified budget over the next 6 years. But Senator Dole digs the hole deeper before we start filling it in. He wants $550 billion of tax cuts that reduces our revenue. So instead of needing $584 billion of spending cuts, we now need $1.1 trillion of spending cuts. Of course, as I said before, that is to balance the so-called unified budget that counts all of the Social Security surpluses. And that is not really balancing the budget.

If we were going to honestly balance the budget, we could not use those Social Security surpluses. So if one does the appropriate calculation, you can see we would need the $584 billion of spending cuts necessary to balance the unified budget, then we have to cover Senator Dole's $550 billion of tax cuts, and then we would need another $525 billion to stop using the Social Security surpluses, because under the Dole plan every penny of Social Security surplus between now and the year 2002 is going into the pot and is going to be used.

I call this a major problem with the Dole plan. Remember what we said here. To balance, counting his tax cuts, we would need $1.1 trillion of spending cuts, and if we were going to honestly balance the budget, not use the Social Security surpluses, we would need another $525 billion of cuts for a total of $1.6 trillion. So if we want to balance without counting Social Security surpluses, counting Senator Dole's tax cuts, you would need $1.6 trillion of cuts.

What has Senator Dole offered to us? What has he put on the table? Here are the numbers that Senator Dole has offered. He said he will start with the 1997 GOP budget, that cuts discretionary spending $300 billion. By the way, that is education, that is law enforcement, that is highways, that is bridges. He is going to cut that $302 billion for starters. Medicare, $158 billion; Medicaid, $72 billion; other mandatory programs and interest, $174 billion, for a total of $706 billion.

But remember, we said if you are going to balance this thing without counting Social Security surpluses, you need $1.6 trillion—$1.6 trillion. If you use the Social Security surpluses, you need $1.1 trillion. So he is not even close here. So he has suggested another $217 billion of cuts. By the way, he has not told anybody the specifics of these cuts. He has not told us where they are coming from. He has not told us what program he is going to cut to achieve this additional $200 billion. That will be, I guess, a secret plan. Maybe he will tell us after the election where that money is coming. But even with that, he has got total cuts of $923 billion. Remember, if we are going to balance and not count Social Security surpluses, we need $1.6 trillion. He is nowhere close. To balance using Social Security surpluses you need $1.1 trillion. He is not even close to that.

Madam President, this is what is wrong with the Dole economic plan. It does not add up. It does not add up. The spending cuts are not enough to balance this budget, even on a unified basis. They are not enough to balance it even if he uses all $525 billion of the Social Security surplus.

Now, why hasn't Senator Dole told us more specifically where the money is coming? I think the reason is that when you start getting into the specifics, it does not make much sense to the American people.

Senator Dole is looking at the spending. This chart shows the Federal spending for the next 6 years. We are going to spend $2 trillion on interest on the debt. We are going to spend $2.1 trillion on Social Security; $1.6 trillion on Medicare; defense, $1.7 trillion; $800 billion on Medicaid; other entitlements, $1.4 trillion.

What are those other entitlements? Well, those are veterans' benefits; those are Federal retirement benefits; those are food stamp programs. That is the kind of thing we are talking about—child nutrition—in this category of spending. Then there is what we call nondefense discretionary. Nondefense discretionary, that is education, environmental enforcement, parks, roads, bridges, law enforcement.

However, Senator Dole has said we are not going to touch Social Security. So 19 percent of our spending is off the table. He has said we are not going to cut defense. That is 15 percent. In fact, he said we are going to increase defense spending. He says, of course, we cannot cut interest payments; that we legally owe. We cannot cut that.

In just those three areas, he has taken half of the spending off the table, but he has not stopped there. He said, well, we are not going to cut veterans, not going to cut veterans. He said we are just going to cut Medicare by about 10 percent—$160 billion. And he says on nondefense discretionary, this is the one that is going to have to take the big hit—the big hit.

Remember, he has about $900 billion of cuts. Almost $500 billion is going to have to come out of nondefense discretionary just on the cuts he has identified. Remember, the cuts he has identified do not do the job. But he is going to take $500 billion out of discretionary spending of $1.7 trillion over the next 6 years. So he is going to have to cut 30 percent. Education is going to have to be cut 30 percent; environmental enforcement is going to have to be cut 30 percent; parks, roads, airports, bridges. All of it is going to have to be cut 30 percent, and it still does not add up. It still does not balance. And you know what? Law enforcement is going to have to be cut 30 percent under the Dole plan. Those are the cuts he is going to have to make—$500 billion out of this little chunk of Federal spending. This is the place he has targeted. This is the place he is going to take $500 billion out of the $1.7 trillion we are scheduled to spend.

So, this is the place that is really getting targeted. Because for all the rest of the budget he is just going to cut a little bit, or, he has said, he is not going to cut at all, or, he has said, he is going to increase. Madam President, there is no wonder this Dole plan does not add up. No wonder it does not add up. Because this is where the money is going and he said huge chunks of it are off the table.

Here is where the money is going to come from, over the next 6 years: Individual income taxes, about half of our income, 46 percent; corporate taxes, 10 percent; Social Security, 26 percent; and other revenue, 18 percent.

But let me just show kind of an interesting thing. Here is the revenue from Social Security. Here is the spending for Social Security. You notice something very interesting here—very interesting. They are not the same size. These are all on the same scale but there is a difference. Here is the revenue from Social Security: $2.6 trillion over the next 6 years. And here is the spending: $2.1 trillion over the next 6 years. We have way more revenue from Social Security than we have spending on Social Security. We have a difference of $500 billion over the next 6 years, $500 billion more in revenue for Social Security than we have expense for Social Security. Where is it going? Where is it going? Because I have already showed you that we have more expenditures planned over the next 6 years than we have revenue.

Madam President, I think we can see the $500 billion of Social Security surpluses that Senator Dole is going to use in his plan. Again, I remind everyone who is listening, even with using that $500 billion of Social Security surplus, every penny of it, his plan still

does not balance, it still does not add up. But he is using it, $525 billion. It is interesting, that $525 billion of Social Security surpluses that are going to be used over the next 6 years is very close to the $551 billion of tax cuts that he has proposed. What earthly sense does this make? What earthly sense does this make? To take $525 billion of Social Security surpluses that we get from payroll taxes, that we ought to be saving for the time the baby boom generation retires, and turn around and give it out in tax cuts, when we are not balancing the budget in any true sense over the next 6 years with this economic plan?

You talk about a plan that is spending the money today and borrowing from the future; that is the Dole economic plan. It does not add up. It does not make sense. It digs a very deep hole for the economic future of our country.

Madam President, I think one reason Senator Dole has been reluctant to be more specific is because, when you start being specific, you see how clearly the Dole plan does not add up. Let us just look at the education cuts that would be necessary to finance the Dole tax cut. Remember, the GOP budget last year that was vetoed by the President and rejected by the American people had tax cuts of $245 billion. On education, they cut $42 billion. I think that begs the question: What happens when you have the Dole plan that has, instead of $245 billion of tax cuts, $550 billion of tax cuts? How much are you going to have to cut education then? How much is education going to have to be cut to accommodate a $550 billion tax cut?

The same can be asked of Medicare. Medicare—remember, the GOP budget last year had tax cuts of $245 billion; the Medicare cuts were $270 billion. Now Dole says he is going to have a $550 billion tax cut. How much would he have to cut Medicare in order to accommodate this plan?

This is where Dole has not been specific. Because, when you get into the specifics, very quickly anybody who has been involved in these budgets knows it does not add up.

Medicaid cuts necessary to finance the Dole tax cut? Last year, again, GOP budget vetoed by the President, rejected by the American people: $245 billion in tax cuts, Medicaid cuts were $163 billion. Now he says we are going to have a $550 billion tax cut. How big would the Medicaid cuts be? How big would they have to be in order to finance this plan?

Domestic discretionary spending: education, law enforcement, roads, highways, bridges. Last year, the GOP plan, $245 billion of tax cuts, domestic discretionary cuts $440 billion. With a $550 billion tax cut, how big would the domestic discretionary cuts have to be in order to finance the Dole plan? It does not add up.

Madam President, I hope I have been able to communicate that the Dole plan does not add up. There is no way there are enough spending cuts in order to balance the budget, even on a unified basis counting the Social Security surpluses, and certainly nowhere near enough to balance it without using every penny of the Social Security surplus.

In addition to that, we have to look at the Dole tax cut and who benefits. This chart shows the various income categories, who the big beneficiaries are. For example, for those who earn less than $10,000 a year, they get a $5 tax cut, on average; for those who are in the $10,000 to $20,000 category, they get $120, on average. For those who are in the $20,000 to $30,000 category, they get $400, on average. If you start adding these up, zero to $10,000, that is 18 percent of the American people; $10,000 to $20,000 is 21 percent; $20,000 to $30,000 is another 16 percent of the American people. If you add that up, it is 55 percent of the American people get less than $400 a year, on average, from this plan.

Look at what happens to those earning over $200,000 a year, the top 1 percent of people in this country. They would get an average benefit of $25,000. Does this strike you as fair? Does that strike you as a balanced plan? I do not think so. I do not think it is fair when the top 1 percent get a $25,000 reduction on average and the 55 percent of the American people who are below $30,000 a year in income get from $5 to $400 a year. That is not a fair plan.

One of the things that is perhaps most shocking, as you start to really look into the details of this Dole plan that has $500 tax credit for children, what you find out is 40 percent of the children in America do not qualify, they do not get anything. They do not get a $500 credit, they do not get a $400 credit, they do not get anything. The reason is that their families do not have enough income to be eligible. Because of other parts of the Dole plan, his reductions in the earned-income tax credit, many families with child-care costs are not going to get a cut; they are going to get an increase in their taxes.

Thousands, millions of people in this country are not going to get a tax reduction under the Dole plan, they are going to get a tax increase under the Dole plan, because a child care credit doesn't work for you unless you reached a certain income level, and he is cutting the earned income tax credit.

Let's look at two examples. A two-parent family, four people in the family with an income of $21,500 and $400 a month in child care costs, under current law they pay $172 in taxes. Under the Dole plan, they get a whopping increase. They pay $609 in taxes. No tax cut under the Dole plan for these folks. They are getting a big tax increase. Interesting, isn't it?

If you are at the top, you are going to get the gravy under the Dole plan. If you are one of the fortunate few in America, the top 1 percent that earns over $200,000 a year, you are going to get a $25,000 reduction on average. But if you are one of these folks earning $21,000 a year, have children, have child care costs, under the Dole plan you are not going to get a tax cut, you are going to get a tax increase.

Under another example, a two-parent family with two children with income of $25,000 and $400 a month in child care costs, under current law, they pay $1,176. Under the Dole plan, they would pay $1,734. Not a reduction, not a cut, but a big tax increase.

Madam President, this Dole plan doesn't add up any way you cut it. It doesn't balance the budget. It doesn't have enough cuts to balance, even if he uses all the Social Security surpluses, and goodness knows, we ought not to use Social Security surpluses to balance the budget. That is just mortgaging the future.

Interestingly enough, Bob Dole has always himself rejected the so-called supply-side economic theory. The supply-side theory is the one that was in vogue in the 1980's. It is the one that led us into this swamp of debt and deficits in the first place.

Senator Dole, just last year, said this about supply-side economics. This is Senator Dole. He said:

> What I could never understand is why, if you just cut taxes, you'd have this big, big revenue increase. You know, more jobs, more opportunity. And you didn't have to make hard choices about spending. That was the philosophy back in the eighties, particularly with Newt and the House Republicans. Don't make any painful decisions. Just cut taxes. In the eighties, we said, ''Everything's going to be fine.'' Well, it wasn't.

That is Senator Bob Dole 1 year ago. Bob Dole was right a year ago when he said this. Bob Dole was exactly right. And I return to where I started. This demonstrates how right he was last year and how wrong he is this year. Because now Bob Dole, finding himself 20 points behind in the polls, all of a sudden is a born-again supply-side economist, believing in the tooth fairy, that somehow, somewhere the money will emerge.

Madam President, we tried that once before. We tried it back in 1981, and we know what the results were: the deficit skyrocketed—skyrocketed. It wasn't until President Clinton put in place an economic plan in 1993—an economic plan, by the way, that Senator Dole said would crater the economy—that we saw 4 years in a row of declining deficits, that we saw the country headed in the direction of a stronger economy, that we finally saw America getting back on the right course with dramatic deficit reduction, renewed economic growth, the creation of over 10 million jobs.

Madam President, we ought not to take the riverboat gamble of supply-side economics. That way lies a future of debt, deficits and decline.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

Mr. BURNS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

Mr. BURNS. Madam President, I understand that Senator HEFLIN has the floor for the next 10 minutes. I ask unanimous consent that I be able to speak as in morning business just for 1 minute.

Mr. HEFLIN. I have no objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BURNS. Madam President, we have seen a lot of charts and everything. Here, again, we are scaring people. We are absolutely scaring people about things that, No. 1, President Clinton inherited a trend that was already started; that we know that tax cuts put a spur in the economy and more revenues come into the Treasury.

I want to put everybody on notice about these scare things—what is going to happen, what might happen—that Americans don't back up very quickly; we don't scare very easy. We know we have a problem, and it will take America to solve it. And this last illustration is absolutely bogus.

So I just want the American people to put them on notice that we don't scare too easy. We didn't build this country to the pinnacle we have today by backing up, going in reverse in this country. We are not prepared to do that.

I yield the floor.

Mr. HEFLIN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alabama.

TRIBUTE TO THE RT. HON. MICHAEL JOPLING, D.L., M.P.

Mr. HEFLIN. Madam President, several of us in the U.S. Senate, as well as some in the House of Representatives, have had the pleasure over the years of knowing and working with the Right Honorable Michael Jopling, a British Member of Parliament and former Minister of Agriculture under Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. He has been a familiar and most welcome participant at both the North Atlantic Assembly sessions and at the British-American Interparliamentary Group meetings in which some of us have participated. He is well respected by his fellow Members of Parliament, both Conservative and Labour alike. Mr. Jopling, whose retirement from the House of Commons is imminent after close to 33 years in the Parliament, has served as secretary to this important and engaging interparliamentary group for the past 9 years and served the previous 4 years as its vice chairman. The position of secretary is a most important responsibility, since that officer is the chief liaison official with the American delegation. The secretaries of the delegations make most of the logistical decisions. The exchange plan he helped institute is an excellent program and vehicle for dealing with issues common to our two countries. He has referred to his activities with the British-American group ''as a labour of love'' and believes ''with a great deal of passion that the continued warm relationship between Britain and the United States is crucial for world peace.''

Mr. Jopling was an outstanding and courageous Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food in the British government for two 4-year periods between 1979 and 1987. Some of his policies angered British farmers, since he was appointed at a time when food surpluses under the Common Agricultural Policy of Europe had reached very high levels. It has been said that he was a victim of Jopling's law, which says that whatever you do is going to be unpopular with the environmentalists for not going nearly far enough and with the farmers for doing far too much. For those of us who serve on the Agriculture Committee, Jopling's Law has particular resonance. Nevertheless, he stood firm and became a moving force during the 1980's for bringing the Common Agricultural Policy of Europe under control. Under trying circumstances, he endeavored to achieve a proper and reasonable balance on these issues and always acted in a manner that served the public interest. He was warmly praised and encouraged by former American Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter.

He also served as government chief whip. The government and the opposition in Parliament both appoint whips whose duty is to manage the affairs of the party and to organize their members to provide support. The government chief whip is in charge of the important responsibility of arranging the scheduling of the government's business in the House of Commons. This is done in consultation with the opposition chief whip.

In addition, he was assistant whip, spokesman on agriculture, deputy spokesman on agriculture, secretary of the conservative MPs' agriculture committee, and a member of the Select Committees on Science and Technology, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, and Privileges. He was also vice chairman of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, chairman of the Select Committee on Sittings of the Commons, and president of the Auto Cycle Union.

Michael Jopling was born on December 10, 1930 in Ripon, Yorkshire. He was educated at Cheltenham College; King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; and Durham University, where he earned a degree in agriculture. He is a farmer, sharing a 500-acre farm in Thirsk, Yorkshire ''on some of the finest arable land in the country.'' He has also served as a consultant to the Hill and Knowlton public relations firm.

Mr. Jopling represents Westmorland and Lonsdale, an area of Great Britain which is dominated by agriculture and tourism, with some light industry. One British newspaper referred to it as ''a curious mixture of farmers in tweeds and sprightly geriatrics * * *'' While I do not think of him as being ''geriatric,'' he certainly reflects the overall nature of his constituency. He has been called ''a farmer in politics rather than a politician who makes agriculture his specialty.'' He is know as being likable, engaging, and affable. I have had the pleasure on several occasions to swap humorous stories with him about the politics, government, and cultural idiosyncracies of our respective nations. He is a practical joker who has said that ''riding a motorcycle is one of the life's most exhilarating experiences.''

He is also a serious leader who pays close attention to the nuances of public policy and who judges by eye and instinct. His voice of reason at NAA meetings has helped guide favorably its deliberations and improved its decisions.

He has always supported a strong national defense and strong NATO. He often criticized backsliders like Canada ''with its miserable 1.2 percent of GNP'' for defense expenditures. He also warned the British cabinet to take ''unpopular decisions, if necessary'' to ensure the Army had the best tank possible.

His natural manner is one of caution, of getting all the facts before making a decision. He instinctively distrusts high-flown theory, preferring instead the directness of personal dialog and negotiation. His height, square build, and rustic manner often conjure up the image of a genial giant, but his country gentleman appearance often masks his shrewdness, keen sense of politics, and anayltically sharp mind. All these traits come together to give him an unusual ability to take the full measure of a person, situation, or piece of legislation objectively, but always with an eye toward accomplishing his goals.

I am pleased to commend and congratulate the Right Honourable Michael Jopling for his outstanding leadership and dedication as a Member of the British Parliament and as a British good-will ambassador at-large. I wish him, as well as his red-haired, beautiful, and talented wife, Gail Dickinson Jopling, all the best as he approaches retirement. He deserves our profound thanks for his many lasting contributions over the years to British-American relations in general and for his personal commitment to preserving the special nature of the relationship between our two great nations. After he leaves government service, I hope he will continue to use his enormous talents and energies to benefit British-American relations.

Madam President, I thank the Chair, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

Mr. REID. Will the Senator withhold?

Mr. HEFLIN. I yield the floor.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I understand, under the standing order, that I have 10 minutes. Is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada is correct.

Mr. REID. Would the Chair advise me when I have used 8 minutes of the 10?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. We will let you know.

HOW GOVERNMENT WORKS FOR YOU: AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

Mr. REID. Madam President, I rise today to speak about an issue that has been bothering me for some time. As this Congress begins to wind down, I have reflected on the achievements and the failures during the past 2 years of this Congress. As I look back on the 104th Congress, I am struck by the public's negative perception, not only of this Congress, but our Government, our Federal Government. In my 10 years here in the Senate, I cannot recall a time when the American public had such a low regard for our Federal Government. It seems like our perception of Government in this country has gone from a view where all things are possible to a view by many where all things are suspect.

There has always been in this country a healthy tradition of political dissent, but what I am hearing today is something deeper and more negative than that. This troubles me because I hear it being echoed in the State of Nevada even by young people, the very generation who will lead us into the next century. I am not willing to stand by and watch an entire generation of Nevadans grow up distrusting our Government. The future, I believe, of Nevada, and our Nation, depends on this next generation's youthful energy and natural optimism to carry us forward.

So I would like to spend a little time today—and I will in the future—talking about how Government works for each of us. I think it is important to take a few minutes to remember how Government has changed our lives for the better. There are many areas about which we could speak, but today I am going to talk about our National Park System, which I personally am very proud of. I think all of us in America should be rightfully proud.

In the late 1700's and the early part of the 1800's, hunters and trappers would come back from passing through Yellowstone with incredible tales of soaring mountains, steaming lakes, of spouts of water going into the air hundreds of feet, stories that many people believed were untrue. But, of course, they were true.

In PBS's recent production on the West, ''The Making of the West,'' there is a great story in the first couple of series about a mountain man by the name of Joe Mink, who came through Yellowstone, and some of the stories that he told.

Many stories were told about this great area in our country. These stories were passed on, some not believing them, as I mentioned, some thinking that they were nothing more than tall tales started by native Americans and then passed on by hunters and trappers.

But the stories persisted. Finally, expedition parties were sent out to check the stories about Yellowstone. One such expedition journeyed there to report back what they felt should be done with Yellowstone. What these men found there awed and really humbled them. At their campsite near the Madison River, members of the expedition party talked about what they had seen. Maybe the land, they said, could be mined, and surely a few fortunes could be made harvesting timber. The possibilities of development really seemed endless.

But a member of that expedition by the name of Cornelius Hedges, who was a Montana judge, had a different idea. There are a lot of fathers of our National Park System. Cornelius Hedges is one of those fathers. He thought that the land should be preserved as a national park, a word that was unheard of at the time.

The expedition returned and began to promote the idea that Hedges had. In 1872 this dream came to fruition when Congress established Yellowstone National Park. In 1916 the National Park Service was established by Congress. Today, 80 years after the birth of the National Park Service, there are more than 270 million visitors to our national parks. Of course, some people visit parks more than once.

Madam President, I read in this morning's paper about President Clinton yesterday being at the Grand Canyon. During his presentation yesterday at the Grand Canyon, he talked about an event that really changed his life. That was a time when as a young man he went to the Grand Canyon and spent 2 hours sitting in solitude, looking at this piece of nature. He said even today in his hustle and bustle world he is able to reflect back on the solitude that he experienced at Grand Canyon National Park.

I, too, a little over a year ago had the good fortune of traveling down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. It was a life-changing experience for me, also, as it has been for thousands and thousands and thousands of people over the years who have gone through this, one of our national parks, the Grand Canyon.

This year Nevada is celebrating the 10th anniversary of our only national park, the Great Basin National Park. This incredible wonder in Nevada is home to the southernmost glacier in all of America. Yes, a glacier in Nevada—incredible, but true. The oldest living thing in the world is in this national park, the bristlecone pine, a tree that is gnarled, and some say not statuesque like a lot of big green trees that we see. It is over 5,000 years old. Madam President, 2,500 years before the birth of Christ these trees were growing in the Great Basin National Park.

We have many other things that will cause one to wonder other than these twisted limbs of the bristlecone pine in Great Basin National Park, but it is something that we in Nevada are proud of and the entire Nation is proud of. This 77,000-acre park was visited last year by about 100,000 people. You do not have to be rich to take in the wonders of the Grand Canyon. You do not have to be rich to take in the wonders of Yellowstone or Great Basin.

Our National Park System is designed for everyone. It is something that we as a country should be very proud of and we are. You can travel the depths of the Earth to see the incredible wonders of Lehman Cave, also part of our great national park. This jewel, the Great Basin National Park, will be there for centuries to come, as will Grand Canyon, as will Yellowstone.

I have talked today, Madam President, about one example of about where I think Government has worked well for the people of this country in establishing our National Park System. Now, this is something, our National Park System, that we should all speak proudly of, positively of, and it is a function where Government has worked well. Instead of denigrating Government, we should work to improve our system of Government that is the envy of the world. Our National Park System is the envy of the world.

Unquestionably, the Federal Government needs to streamline, reform, and change. Burdens of regulations of unfunded mandates must be eliminated, and ridiculous paperwork requirements must be eliminated, also. However, Government oversight is not innately evil and can be designed not as an intrusive control mechanism over the States but as an insurance policy to guard against Americans falling through the cracks. Our goal should be for a more effective Federal Government, not one that is useless or so reduced that our citizens are the ones to suffer. As a nation, we cannot afford to have a Federal Government that is unable to provide for Americans to defend our interests in the world.

Madam President, I ask that we all reflect on a success that we have had as a Federal Government. That is, in establishing and maintaining our National Park System. Of course, we need to do more. We have a tremendous backlog of renovations and repairs that need to be made in our National Park System, but visiting a national park is an experience of a lifetime. It was for me as it has been for millions of other Americans.

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Madam President, I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. FAIRCLOTH pertaining to the introduction of S. 2093 are located in today's RECORD under ''Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.'')

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FRIST). Morning business is closed.

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 11 a.m. having arrived, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 39, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 39) to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize appropriations, to provide for sustainable fisheries, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Hutchison amendment No. 5383, to make certain modifications to provisions with regard to regional fishery management councils.

AMENDMENT NO. 5383

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FRIST). The pending question is the Hutchison amendment, No. 5383. There will be 4 minutes of debate, equally divided, on the amendment.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, while we are waiting the manager on the Democratic side, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

Was the managers' amendment that was adopted last evening printed in the RECORD?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Yes, it is. It is on page S10844.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a summary of the managers' amendment be printed in the RECORD at this point, and that it be printed in the permanent RECORD following the managers' amendment of yesterday.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

SUMMARY OF MANAGER'S AMENDMENT TO S. 39

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION

The manager's amendment authorizes appropriations through fiscal year (FY) 1999 for the purposes of carrying out the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.).

DEFINITIONS

The amendment defines a number of new terms for the proposes of the Magnuson Act and amends a number of existing definitions. New defined terms include: ''bycatch''; ''charter fishing''; ''commercial fishing''; ''economic discards''; ''essential fish habitat''; ''fishing community''; ''individual fishing quota''; ''overfishing''; ''Pacific Insular areas''; ''recreational fishing''; ''regulatory discards''; ''special areas''; and ''vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.'' The amendment amends the existing definition of ''optimum'' with respect to the yield of fishery to mean the amount of fish prescribed on the basis of the maximum sustainable yield ''as reduced'' (rather than ''as modified'') by any relevant economic, social, or ecological factor. This change prevents the maximum sustainable yield of a fishery from being exceeded.

BYCATCH REDUCTION

The amendment adds a new national standard to the Magnuson Act requiring that, to the extent practicable, conservation and management measures minimize bycatch and minimize the mortality of bycatch that cannot be avoided. The amendment specifically requires the Councils to establish standard reporting methods under fishery management plans to assess the amount and type of bycatch occurring in each fishery, and to include measures to minimize bycatch to the maximum extent they can, and to minimize the mortality of bycatch that cannot be avoided in the first place. The amendment provides the Councils with the new tools of harvest preferences and other harvest incentives to achieve this bycatch reduction. In addition, the amendment requires the Councils to assess the type and amount of fish being caught and released alive in recreational fisheries, and include measures to ensure the extended survival of such fish.

The amendment requires the Secretary of State to seek to secure international agreements for bycatch standards and measures equivalent of those of the United States.

The amendment requires the North Pacific Council, in carrying out the new bycatch requirements, to reduce the total amount of bycatch occurring in the North Pacific, and authorizes the North Pacific Council to use, in addition to harvest preferences or other harvest incentives, fines and non-transferable annual allocations of regulatory discards as incentives to reduce bycatch and bycatch rates. The amendment requires the North Pacific Council to submit a report on the advisability of requiring the full retention and full utilization of the economic discards in the North Pacific that cannot be avoided in the first place. The Council must report on any measures it already has approved, or approves during the period of the study, to require full retention or full utilization, and is not meant to preclude the Council from taking all actions that it can to achieve these goals.

The amendment requires the Secretary to conclude within nine months the collection of data in the program to assess the impact on fishery resources of incidental harvest by shrimp trawl fisheries, and to conduct additional data collection and evaluation activities for stocks identified by the program which are considered to be overfished. Within 12 months of enactment, the Secretary must complete a program to develop technology, devices, and changes in fishing operations necessary to minimize the incidental mortality of bycatch in the course of shrimp trawl activity to the extent practicable as measured against the level of mortality which occurred in a fishery before November 28, 1990. Any measures taken are required to be consistent with measures that are applicable to fishing throughout the range within the United States by the bycatch species.

OVERFISHING

The amendment defines ''overfishing'' to mean a rate or level of fishing mortality that jeopardizes the capacity of a fishery to produce the maximum sustainable yield on a continuing basis. It requires the Councils to specify, in each FMP, criteria for determining when a fishery is overfished and to include measures to rebuild any overfished fishery. It also requires the Secretary to report annually to Congress and the Councils on the status of fisheries, and to identify fisheries that are overfished or approaching a condition of being overfished using the Council's overfishing criteria. The Secretary is required to notify the Council immediately if a fishery is overfished.

Within one year of the Secretary's annual report, the appropriate Council must submit an FMP, amendment or regulation to prevent overfishing in fisheries determined to be approaching that condition, and to stop overfishing and begin to rebuild fisheries classified as overfished. For an overfished fishery, the Councils must specify as short a time period as possible to stop the overfishing, taking into account the harvest status and biology of the overfished stock, the needs of fishing communities, recommendations by international organizations in which the United States participates, and interaction between the stock and the ecosystem. The duration cannot exceed 10 years except under extraordinary circumstances. The Secretary is required to prepare an FMP or amendment if a Council fails to take sufficient action within one year on an FMP, amendment or regulations to rebuild an overfished fishery. The amendment allows the Secretary to recommend appropriate measures to the Council, and requires that the allocation of both overfishing restrictions and recovery benefits be fairly and equitably distributed among sectors of the fishery.

The manager's amendment allows the Secretary to use interim authority to reduce overfishing for up to 180 days, with one additional 180 day period, provided that a public comment period on the measure is provided.

HABITAT PROTECTION

The amendment defines ''essential fish habitat'' for the purposes of the Magnuson Act as ''waters and substrate necessary to fish for spawning, breeding, or growth to maturity.'' It requires the Councils to identify essential fish habitat under each FMP, to minimize, where practicable, adverse impacts on the habitat caused by fishing, and to identify actions that should be considered to encourage the conservation and enhancement of essential fish habitat. The Secretary is required to establish guidelines to assist the Councils in describing and identifying essential fish habitat and to review programs administered by the Department of Commerce to ensure they further the conservation and enhancement of essential fish habitat. Federal agencies are required to consult with the Secretary with respect to any action authorized, funded or proposed to be undertaken that may adversely affect any essential fish habitat identified under the Magnuson Act.

The amendment authorizes the Councils (similar to existing law) to comment on and make recommendations to the Secretary and other Federal or State agencies on any agency actions that may affect habitat, including essential fish habitat, and requires the Councils to comment on and make recommendations on agency activities that in the view of the Council are likely to substantially affect the habitat, including essential fish habitat, of an anadromous fishery resource.

Upon notification of any action authorized, funded, undertaken, or proposed to be authorized, funded, or undertaken by a Federal agency that may adversely affect essential fish habitat, the Secretary is required to recommend measures that can be taken to conserve the habitat. Federal agencies must respond in writing to such recommendations, and explain reasons for not following any recommendations.

COUNCIL REFORM

The amendment requires Council members to recuse themselves from voting on Council decisions that would have a ''significant and predictable effect'' on their financial interests. Such a decision is defined as one where there is ''a close causal link between the Council decision and an expected and substantially disproportionate benefit to the financial interest of the affected individual relative to the financial interests of other participants in the same gear type or sector of the fishery.'' This language is intended to prevent Council members from voting on decisions that would bring substantially disproportionate financial benefits to themselves, but not to prevent Council members from voting on most matters on which they have expertise.

The Secretary, in consultation with the Council, is required to select a ''designated official'' with Federal conflict-of-interest experience to attend Council meetings and make determinations on conflicts of interest. The determinations will occur at the request of the affected Council member or at

the initiative of the designated official. Any Council member may request a review by the Secretary of a determination. Regulations for the recusal process are required to be promulgated by the Secretary within one year of enactment.

The amendment adds an additional seat to the Pacific Council for Pacific Northwest Indian tribes, to be selected by the Secretary from a list of 3 individuals from tribes with Federally recognized fishing rights. The amendment adds two additional seats to the Mid-Atlantic Council to provide representation for the State of North Carolina.

The amendment requires the Councils to keep detailed minutes of meetings. It also allows any voting member of the Council to request that a matter be decided by roll call vote, and requires all roll call votes to be identified in the Council's minutes. All written data submitted to the Council are required to include a statement of the information's source. The reported bill allows the Councils (and the Secretary with respect to Atlantic highly migratory species) to establish fishery negotiation panels to assist in the development of difficult conservation and management measures.

FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

The amendment simplifies the review process by the Secretary of proposed FMPs and amendments submitted by the Councils, and includes a new section addressing proposed regulations submitted by the Councils. It eliminates the preliminary FMP evaluation required under current law. After transmittal of an FMP or amendment by the Council to the Secretary, the Secretary immediately must publish notice of the plan in the Federal Register and provide a 60-day comment period. The Secretary must approve, partially approve, or disapprove a plan within 30 days of the end of the comment period.

The amendment creates a new framework for the Secretary to review proposed regulations from the Councils and allows the Councils to submit proposed regulations simultaneously with an FMP or amendment, or at any time after an FMP or amendment has been approved. The Secretary has 15 days to review proposed regulations for their consistency with an FMP. If they are consistent, regulations must be published in the Federal Register for a comment period of 15 to 60 days. The Secretary must publish final regulations within 30 days of the end of the comment period.

The amendment requires the Councils to describe the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing occurring in each fishery and to allocate any harvest restrictions or recovery benefits fairly and equitably among these three sectors. The amendment codifies existing authority of the Councils to restrict the sale of fish for conservation and management purposes, including to ensure that any fish that is sold complies with federal and state safety and quality requirements.

INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTAS

The amendment prevents Councils from submitting and the Secretary from approving or implementing any new individual fishing quota (IFQ) programs until after September 30, 2000, and directs the National Academy of Sciences, in consultation with the Secretary, Councils, and others, to submit a comprehensive report on IFQs to the Congress by October 1, 1998.

The Academy report must address, among other things, IFQ transferability, foreign ownership, processor quotas, effective IFQ enforcement, IFQ auctions, windfall profits, and potential economic impacts including capital gains revenue. The report must additionally analyze IFQ programs already in existence in the United States (wreckfish, surf clam/ocean quahog, and halibut/sablefish), IFQs outside the United States, and characteristics unique to IFQs as well as alternative measures that accomplish the same objectives as IFQs. Two working groups (West Coast/Alaska/Hawaii and East Coast/Gulf) will assist in preparing the report. After September 30, 2000, in the event that amendments to the Magnuson Act have not been adopted to implement a national IFQ policy, the councils will be allowed to submit new IFQ programs to the Secretary following certain guidelines.

The amendment requires the Secretary to establish a fee of up to three percent of the annual ex-vessel value of fish harvested under IFQ programs to pay for management costs. The surf clam/ocean quahog and wreckfish IFQ fisheries will not begin paying fees until January 1, 2000. The amendment allows the Councils to reserve up to 25 percent of these fees be used for loan obligations for IFQs for small vessel fishermen and entry level fishermen. The North Pacific Council is required to reserve the full 25 percent for such a program in the halibut and sablefish fisheries.

The amendment requires the Secretary to collect a fee under the authority of a new section 304(d)(2)(A)(i) to recover the actual costs directly related to the management and enforcement of any IFQ program, including any program that may be created under section 313(g)(2) in the North Pacific to reduce per vessel bycatch and bycatch rates. It is expected that the fee collected under any program created under section 313(g)(2) would not exceed one percent of the estimated annual value of the target species in the fishery in which the program is created.

STATE JURISDICTION

The manager's amendment restates in greater detail existing law with respect to a state's ability to regulate fishing vessels registered in that state in federal waters. It allows states to regulate all fishing vessels in a fishery in the EEZ off that State if a fishery management plan delegates such authority to the State. Further, it allows the State of Alaska to regulate fishing vessels not registered under Alaska laws in the EEZ off Alaska if there is no fishery management plan in place for a fishery, and allows the states of California, Oregon and Washington to enforce certain state laws in the EEZs off their respective coasts with respect to dungeness crab fishing until October 1, 1999, or if a fishery management plan for that species is implemented.

LIEN REGISTRY

The amendment requires the Secretary to establish a central registry system for limited access permits (including IFQ permits), 6 months after the enactment of the Act, and requires the Secretary to charge a fee of not more than one half of one percent of the value of a permit upon registration and transfer to pay for the system. The amendment requires the Secretary to determine whether the Secretary of the Treasury has placed any liens against limited access system permits and to provide this information to both the buyer and seller of any permit before collecting a fee on the transfer of a permit. Consistent with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Secretary of the Treasury may withdraw a notice of lien filed against a limited access system permit if the withdrawal will facilitate the collection of a tax liability by allowing the owner of the permit to derive income from the use of the permit. The amendment establishes a Limited Access System Administration Fund in the Treasury. Funds from this fund are available without appropriation to the Secretary to administer the central lien registry system and manage the fishery in which IFQ fees were collected. Any fees collected on the ex-vessel value of the fish harvested under an IFQ system can be spent only in the fishery in which they were collected.

PACIFIC COMMUNITY FISHERIES

The amendment requires the North Pacific Council and Secretary to establish a western Alaska community development quota (CDQ) program under which a percentage of the total allowable catch of each Bering Sea fishery is allocated to western Alaska communities that participate in the program. The amendment prevents the North Pacific Council from increasing the percentage of any CDQ allocation approved by the Council prior to October 1, 1995 until after September 30, 2001. The amendment includes a sentence at the end of a new section 305(i)(1)(C)(i) making clear that this cap through September 30, 2001 does not prevent the extension of the pollock CDQ allocation beyond 1998. In complying with the western Alaska CDQ requirement, a percentage of the pollock fishery (and each Bering Sea fishery) must be allocated to the program every year. In the event that the North Pacific Council fails to submit an extension of the pollock CDQ in 1998, it is the intent that the Secretary continue to allocate to the western Alaska CDQ program the percentage of pollock approved by the Council for previous years until the Council submits an extension.

The Council retains the ability to revise CDQ allocations, except as provided in the amendment for crab fisheries, provided that the allocations not exceed the levels approved by the Council prior to October 1, 1995 (after September 30, 2001, the Councils retains the full ability to revise CDQ allocations). The Secretary is required to phase in the CDQ percentage already approved by the North Pacific Council for the Bering crab fisheries, allocating 3.5 percent in 1998, 5 percent in 1999 and 7.5 percent in 2000 and thereafter, unless the Council submits a percentage no greater than 7.5 percent for 2001 or any other percentage on or after October 1, 2001. CDQ allocations already approved by the Council (pollock, halibut, sablefish, crab and groundfish) do not need to be resubmitted by the Council or reapproved (if already approved) by the Secretary.

The amendment requires the National Academy of Sciences to submit a report to Congress on the performance and effectiveness of the community development quota programs under the authority of the North Pacific Council. The amendment requires CDQ fees collected by the Secretary to be reduced by the amount of costs imposed on CDQ program participants that are not imposed on other participants in the fishery. The Secretary is required to transfer to the State of Alaska up to 33 percent of any CDQ fees to reimburse the State for its costs in the CDQ program.

The amendment authorizes the Western Pacific Council to establish a western Pacific community development program. It additionally authorizes the Secretary and Secretary of Interior to make direct grants, not to exceed a total of $500,000 annually, to eligible western Pacific communities to establish from three to five fishery demonstration projects which foster and promote the involvement of western Pacific communities.

REDUCING FISHING CAPACITY

The amendment authorizes the Secretary to implement a vessel and/or permit buyout program at the request of a Council (or Governor for a fishery under a State's authority) if adequate steps are taken to ensure that vessels and permits are removed permanently and the program is needed for conservation and management. Eligible funding sources could include Saltonstall-Kennedy funds, funds appropriated for the purpose of

the buyout section, funds provided by an industry fee system (which cannot exceed 5 percent of the ex-vessel value of fish harvested), of funds provided by a State or other source. The amendment authorizes the Secretary to provide direct loan obligations of up to $100 million per fishery to finance buyout programs, which must be paid back over a twenty year period. Any catch history must be forfeited by the owner of a vessel or permit that is purchased under a buyout program.

FISHERIES DISASTER RELIEF

At the discretion of the Secretary or at the request of an affected state or fishing community, the Secretary must determine whether a commercial fishery failure has occurred, caused by natural causes; man-made causes beyond the control of a Council; or undetermined causes. If the Secretary determines that a commercial fishery failure has occurred, the Secretary may make funds available to an affected State, fishing community or other activity the Secretary determines appropriate to restore the fishery or prevent a similar failure in the future. The Federal share of the cost of any activity under the authority of the section cannot exceed 75 percent of the total cost. The amendment authorizes such sums as are necessary for each fiscal year for fisheries disaster relief.

RESEARCH

The amendment creates a new title IV of the Magnuson Act, titled ''Fishery Monitoring and Research'' that contains existing Magnuson sections (with some modifications) dealing with information collection, confidentiality, fisheries research, shrimp trawl incidental harvest research, observers. It also contains new sections dealing with vessel registration, and the creation of an advisory panel to develop recommendations to expand the application of ecosystem principles in fishery conservation and management activities. The amendment requires the National Academy of Sciences to complete a peer review of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan by February 1, 1997.

VESSEL REGISTRATION

The amendment requires the Secretary to develop recommendations for implementation of a standardized vessel registration and data management system, centralized on a regional basis, that would be required to integrate and standardize all federal marine resource vessel registration and data collection requirements, as well as State requirements if a State chooses to participate. The system must avoid duplication with any existing State or other systems. Within 16 months of the date of enactment, and after providing for public comment, the Secretary must transmit the proposal to Congress. Within 15 months of enactment, the Secretary must report to Congress on the need to include private recreational fishing vessels in a national fishing vessel registration and data collection system.

OBSERVERS

The Secretary is required to promulgate regulations for vessels required to carry observers, including guidelines to determine when the facilities of a vessel are not safe or adequate for an observer, or how to reasonably make them safe or adequate. The Secretary also must establish, in cooperation with States and Sea Grant College Programs, programs to train and ensure the competence of observers. The Secretary is required to use university training facilities, such as the North Pacific Observer Training Center, where possible, to carry out the observer section. The amendment treats observers as Federal employees for the purposes of compensation under the Federal Employee Compensation Act. Data collectors are protected from being forcibly assaulted, impeded, intimidated, sexually harassed, interfered with, or bribed, while carrying out responsibilities under the Magnuson Act.

OTHER REAUTHORIZATIONS

The amendment extends the authorization of appropriations for several other marine statutes, including the Inter Jurisdictional Fisheries Act, the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Fisheries Management Act, the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act and an authorization for other NOAA marine fisheries programs. The amendment requires the Secretary to submit a report reviewing New England fishing capacity reduction programs.

Mrs. HUTCHISON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

AMENDMENT NO. 5383, AS MODIFIED

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I send a modification of my amendment to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has that right.

The amendment will be so modified.

The amendment (No. 5383), as modified, is as follows:

On page 142, line 7, strike ''Any'' before ''conservation'' and insert in lieu thereof ''To the extent practicable, any''.

On page 148, beginning on line 14, strike ''specified in part 641.24 and 641.25 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (as revised as of October 1, 1995),''.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I don't even need to take my 2 minutes. I will just say that this amendment has been agreed to by both sides. I want to especially thank Senators LOTT, STEVENS, BREAUX, and KERRY for helping me to make sure that the management of bycatch applies in the Gulf of Mexico like it will apply to the rest of the bill and to the other waters contiguous to our country. Everybody is satisfied with this.

I appreciate so much the cooperation and the staff cooperation. We could not have come to this agreement without a lot of hard work late last night and early this morning. I appreciate it very much. I ask for consideration of my amendment.

Mr. STEVENS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, the Senator from Texas is correct. I am informed that this matter was worked out. I should explain to the Senate that we had in the managers' amendment one amendment—the one from the Senator from Texas—that could not be agreed to at the time we offered that amendment last night. We pulled it out and asked unanimous consent that the Senator from Texas be able to offer her amendment. It has now been worked out through the night. I am informed by the leader, and by the representatives of the other Senators involved, that it is acceptable. Therefore, I am prepared to accept this amendment and would ask that it be adopted on a voice vote.

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise this morning in support of the Hutchison-Shelby amendment to S. 39, the Sustainable Fisheries Act.

Over the past several years, it has become increasingly clear that our marine fisheries are in serious trouble. The Sustainable Fisheries Act will significantly improve the management and conservation of our marine resources by allowing the regional councils to adopt measures to reduce overfishing, bycatch, and waste.

What is clear to all who have been involved in the reauthorization of the Magnuson Act is that decisionmaking authority over the adoption and implementation of bycatch reduction programs must lie with the councils. For the most part, the bill before us today furthers this insight. However, there is a provision which will significantly impair the authority of one of the councils, the Gulf Council, to manage the bycatch program of the red snapper.

The Hutchison-Shelby amendment corrects this oversight and restores the necessary discretion to the Gulf Council. I want to be clear that we are not adding additional powers. Our amendment merely brings the Gulf Council in line with the authority of the other regional councils.

Without the Hutchison-Shelby amendment, the red snapper fishery will be closed, which will shut down recreational fishermen and a thriving charter boat industry. In the city of Gulf Shores alone, red snapper fishing generates approximately $80 million annually. Salt water fishing in my State will soon become a billion dollar industry, and limiting the authority of the Gulf Council to manage these waters will devastate the economy of Alabama.

I thank the Senator from Texas for her leadership on this important issue, and I urge adoption of this amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 5383), as modified, was agreed to.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. I thank the Senator from Alaska.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator SHELBY from Alabama be added as a prime cosponsor of my amendment to this bill, to the managers' amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, as I make clear my strong support for S. 39, I also extend my congratulations to the distinguished Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] and to his fine staff for their efforts in crafting S. 39, the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996. This legislation strikes an appropriate balance between the needs of the various sectors of the U.S. fishing community while giving both commercial and recreational fishermen adequate opportunities to fish.

S. 39 is exceedingly important to our fishermen in North Carolina. I was very pleased last July when Senator

STEVENS and I flew together to eastern North Carolina to hold hearings in Morehead City on this legislation. We heard many concerns and opinions from all sectors of the fishing community in my State. I appreciate TED STEVENS making the trip and also his allowing me to participate in those hearings.

Mr. President, testimony in that hearing indicated widespread support for adding North Carolina as a voting member on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. My State has long participated in council proceedings as an observer and as nonvoting participant in council technical committees—but never before as a full-fledged voting member.

So I am grateful that this legislation allots to North Carolina voting memberships on the Mid-Atlantic Council. There have been so many decisions made by the Mid-Atlantic Council that have affected my fishermen; it is good that they will now be able to vote on decisions that affect our State.

Fish and fish products have become a greater staple of the diets of all Americans. Statistics gathered by the National Marine Fisheries Service in 1995, revealed that U.S. consumption of fish and fish products was 15 pounds of edible meat per capita. In 1992 Americans consumed 14.8 pounds of edible meat.

Mr. President, I greatly enjoy seafood. I have dined in many seafood restaurants in coastal North Carolina and many fish houses further inland. North Carolinians want to maintain a steady supply of good, high-quality seafood well into the future. We can do that if our fishery resources are well managed in an environmentally responsible manner.

At the same time, fishery regulations must not be allowed to hamstring North Carolina's hand-working, taxpaying fishermen in their efforts to earn a honest daily wage. The National Marine Fisheries Service should be put on notice that the Congress will not tolerate unfair and unreasonable regulatory practices that single out one sector of the fishing community for penalties.

Mr. President, this is a good bill. We must preserve our fisheries for future generations. If we don't, this country will face great adverse consequences.

None of us here wants to see entire areas closed to fishing, as has occurred off the coast of Massachusetts. Senators from that State are painfully aware that three areas near Georges Bank have been permanently closed to fishing, due to overfishing the resource. That situation must not be duplicated off the North Carolina coast—or any other State's coast for that matter. This bill will go a long way in preventing that from happening.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I commend and thank the Senator from Alaska, Senator STEVENS, for his many months of hard work in getting this vitally important environmental legislation to the floor. I know that in writing and bringing this bill to the floor, Senator STEVENS has had to contend with a great many competing interests that were often at odds on some very complex issues. Despite this obstacle, he has been able to fashion what I believe to be a strong but fair piece of legislation. There remain several changes I would like to see in this bill, but on balance I support S. 39, legislation which should help our fisheries recover from years of overfishing, mismanagement and other negative factors. I would like to briefly share with my colleagues our unfortunate experience with the decline of fishing in New England, and hope that this experience and others like it might convince all Senators on the importance of passing this bill.

Commercial fishing has long been a great source of pride for Rhode Island and New England, its history in our region stretching back several hundred years. Explorers of the New World returned to England with reports of codfish so plentiful that men actually scooped them from the sea by the bucket. In addition, early colonists relied on fish for subsistence during their first, difficult years of settlement. More recently, commercial fishing remained a fruitful and profitable industry in New England throughout the 20th century. Fishing and all of its associated businesses have employed tens of thousands of New Englanders in ports along the coast, making it one of our region s most important industries.

But beginning in the 1960's, distant-water factory trawler fleets from more than a dozen countries were decimating fish stocks off New England. In response, Congress in 1976 passed the Magnuson Act, which sought to Americanize our fishing grounds within 200 miles of the U.S. coast and let stocks recover from foreign overfishing.

Unfortunately, though, the Americanization of our fishing grounds 20 years ago has not resulted in the intended conservation of this valuable national resource. Domestic fishermen have more than made up for the departure of foreign fleets—the introduction of more boats and the use of increasingly sophisticated fishing technology has resulted in destructive overfishing throughout New England's prime fishing grounds. In 1976, there were 775 New England boats licensed to catch groundfish. Today there are 4,000, of which 1,800 still actively fish. Overfishing and the resulting sharp downturn in our fishing industry, particularly in New England, is nothing short of a genuine tragedy.

A look at some of the consequences of years of fisheries mismanagement in New England is staggering: in 1980, Georges Bank cod biomass totalled about 90,000 metric tons; by last year it had declined to under 20,000 metric tons. Georges Bank haddock biomass was nearly 70,000 metric tons in 1978, while today it is under 20,000. Many of these once abundant fish stocks, which have been such a major influence on New England's economy and heritage, are now, sadly, at or near commercial extinction.

The question we now face in the context of the legislation before the Senate today is how do we best restore this sadly declining industry and bring life back to a marine resource that is disappearing? Unfortunately, efforts thus far to halt this collapse of fish stocks in New England have met with limited success at best. In fact, in 1991 it actually took a lawsuit by two Massachusetts environmental groups to force the notoriously slow New England Fishery Management Council to draft and implement a fishery management plan that contained the teeth needed to stem continued overfishing and stock decimation. And this plan, entitled amendment 5, did not even take effect until some 3 years after the lawsuit was filed.

But amendment 5, while its groundbreaking restrictions on fishing effort were significantly stronger than previous efforts, proved to be insufficient to stem the continuing decline in New England fish stocks. So amendment 7, which further restricts fishing off New England in several ways, was proposed and approved by the Department of Commerce several months ago. Those of us who are committed to restoring New England's fisheries are hopeful that amendment 7 might begin to reverse the tremendous damage that has been done to this resource.

Unfortunately, though, the New England and other regional fishery management councils, while their efforts have improved during recent years, still require additional tools to address the many conservation needs of our Nation s fisheries. Through a long series of hearings and a tremendous amount of hard work and patient listening, the Commerce Committee has succeeded in producing a far-reaching bill, S. 39, that provides the Councils these tools. I strongly endorse this legislation, and urge all of my colleagues, both from coastal and inland regions, to do so as well.

S. 39 defines ''overfished'' and ''overfishing'' in the Magnuson Act and requires fishery management plans to specify criteria for determining when a fishery is overfished and include measures to rebuild any overfished fishery. A council would have 1 year to come up with a plan to stop overfishing and rebuild the fishery, and the Secretary of Commerce would be required to step in if the council fails to act.

This bill also adds a new national standard to the Magnuson Act requiring that conservation and management measures minimize what we call bycatch, which is the incidental harvest of nontarget fish. Bycatch has caused much damage to many fisheries in the United States as unintentionally caught fish are often thrown back in the water dead or dying.

In addition, S. 39 imposes several significant reforms on the council process, including conflict-of-interest procedures and new mechanisms to push

councils to develop difficult conservation and management measures. Our experience in New England, where an industry-dominated council for years stymied effective management, certainly illustrates the need for these council reforms.

Mr. President, the Sustainable Fisheries Act includes many other provisions aimed at restoring and sustaining some of our Nation's most valued resources. I look with amazement at the array of fishing and conservation organizations that have endorsed this vitally important legislation. These groups range from industry to environmental to recreational. I commend the work done by Senator STEVENS to obtain this wide-ranging level of support, and urge all of my colleagues to join me in voting for this bill.

Thank you.

JURISDICTION OVER FISHERIES IN THE EEZ

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I would like to commend the distinguished chairman for his dedication to the conservation of our Nation's fisheries, the industry, and its beneficiaries. The chairman and his staff have worked very hard to steer this important legislation through the tedious legislative process. I look forward to working with the chairman and the committee in working toward this bill's ultimate success.

Mr. President, I would like to ask the chairman a clarifying question regarding an issue that is of great importance to many States, including the State of Florida.

Mr. STEVENS. I would be happy to respond to a question from my friend, the senior Senator from Florida.

Mr. GRAHAM. The State of Florida has been firmly committed to the conservation of the State's natural resources. In the past year, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Regional Fishery Management Council had proposed giving authority to the State over certain fisheries, such as stone crab and spiny lobster, but could not do so because Federal courts have ruled that the States are preempted by the Magnuson Act from regulating in the EEZ. I am pleased, therefore, that the distinguished chairman has included in this reauthorization legislation, a provision which would allow a fishery management council to delegate jurisdiction over certain fisheries in the EEZ to a State, if the State has regulations consistent with the fishery management plan for that area.

Mr. STEVENS. The Senator from Florida is correct in his understanding of what is in the reauthorization bill. His interpretation is consistent with the drafter's intent.

Mr. GRAHAM. It is my understanding that the legislation give states the right to regulate any vessels in a fishery that the regional council has designated as being under State jurisdiction, including vessels registered outside that particular State. Is that correct?

Mr. STEVENS. The Senator from Florida is again correct in his understanding of what is in the legislation.

Mr. GRAHAM. Now in the case of my State, if the council designates jurisdiction of a particular fishery to the State, the officials in Florida would be able to regulate out-of-State vessels, in that portion of the EEZ, regardless of which ports it utilizes or chooses not to utilize.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, if the State of Florida has been designated as having jurisdiction over a fishery in the EEZ, they would be entitled to regulate any vessel in that fishery, no matter where it comes from or what facilities it utilizes, so long as it does so consistent with the fishery management plan that delegates authority to the State.

Mr. GRAHAM. I thank the distinguished chairman for his clarification of the issue.

STATE JURISDICTION

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I would like to engage the chairman of the Oceans and Fisheries Subcommittee and the author of this bill, Senator STEVENS, in a brief colloquy.

Mr. STEVENS. I would be pleased to join Senator SNOWE in a colloquy.

Ms. SNOWE. As the Senator knows, section 112 of the manager's amendment amends the Magnuson Act to clarify that the existing provision which allows a State to impose State laws and regulations on its State-registered vessels, even if those vessels fish in the exclusive economic zone. This provision greatly interests Maine because, in addition to the Federal rules, Maine imposes stringent State lobster conservation regulations on all of its vessels, regardless of where they fish. These State regulations are certainly consistent with the Federal lobster management plan in conserving and sustainably managing the lobster resource. But some of Maine's regulations do differ in design from some of the regulations currently in force in the Federal zone. For instance, Maine prohibits the possession or landing of lobsters by State vessels that do not use traps to harvest lobster, imposes a maximum-size lobster possession limit, prohibits the possession of egg-bearing female lobsters, and requires the v-notching technique to ensure the identification of these lobsters. The Federal lobster management plan does not contain conservation and management measures of the same design.

As I understand the amendment, section 112 would allow Maine to continue imposing its more stringent State lobster regulations on all of its State-registered fishing vessels because the regulations are consistent with the Federal lobster management plan. Am I correct in stating that it is the intent of the author and manager of this bill that section 112 of the manager's amendment dealing with State jurisdiction would permit a State like Maine to continue applying more stringent rules on its State-registered vessels that operate in the exclusive economic zone?

Mr. STEVENS. The Senator from Maine is correct. Section 112 of my amendment protects the existing authority of States to impose more stringent regulations which are not inconsistent with a management plan on its vessels in the Federal zone. Maine's more stringent regulations were consistent with the management plan for lobster before this amendment, and they would continue to be viewed that way after its enactment. Because regulations such as Maine's are not irreconcilable with the management plan, they will be viewed as consistent with it under my amendment.

HERRING TRANSSHIPMENT

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I would like to engage the Senator from Maine, Senator SNOWE, and the chairman of the Oceans and Fisheries Subcommittee, Senator STEVENS, in a colloquy.

Ms. SNOWE. I would be pleased to join the Senator from Rhode Island in a colloquy.

Mr. STEVENS. I would be happy to join Senator CHAFEE in a colloquy.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, section 105(e) of the manager's amendment directs the Secretary of Commerce to provide transshipment permits for up to 14 Canadian vessels for the purposes of transporting Atlantic herring caught off the coast of Maine in the sardine processing trade. I would like to ask the Senators whether the manager's amendment would also require this herring transshipment practice to be consistent with any applicable regulations, including fishery allocations, approved by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. The ASMFC has management authority for Atlantic herring.

Ms. SNOWE. I sponsored and worked on, with other Commerce Committee members, the provision to which Senator CHAFEE refers, and I can assure the Senator that the provision does require these transshipment permits to be consistent with all relevant herring management measures approved by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. I would simply mention that the ASMFC has expressed support for this provision.

Mr. STEVENS. I agree with Senator SNOWE's interpretation of this provision.

Mr. CHAFEE. I thank the Senators for the clarification.

CENTRAL REGISTRY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, my manager's amendment to S. 39, the Sustainable Fisheries Act, adds a new section to the Magnuson Act requiring the Secretary of Commerce to create a central lien registry system for limited access permits. Among other things, the Secretary is required to notify both the buyer and seller of a permit if a lien has been filed by the Secretary of the Treasury against the permit.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, we have reviewed the central lien registry provisions in the amendment offered by the

Senator from Alaska. He has removed language that involved matters within the Finance Committee's jurisdiction. We do hope, however, that the Secretary of the Treasury will work with the Secretary of Commerce as the Secretary of Commerce carries out the new requirement my friend from Alaska has described.

Mr. STEVENS. I thank the Senator from Delaware for his help with this new subsection. My amendment no longer contains the language that was within the Finance Committee's jurisdiction. I would, however, like to ask my friend from Delaware about his understanding of section 6323(j)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code—26 U.S.C. 6323(j)(1)(C), a provision he helped write. Is that section intended to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to withdraw a notice of lien filed against a limited access fishing permit if such withdrawal will facilitate the collection of a tax liability by allowing the owner of the permit to derive income from the use of the permit?

Mr. ROTH. The Senator from Alaska is correct. Section 6323(j)(1)(C) gives the Secretary of the Treasury discretionary authority to withdraw a notice of lien filed against a fishing permit if the withdrawal will facilitate the collection of a tax liability by allowing the owner to derive income from the use of the permit.

Mr. STEVENS. I thank the Senator from Delaware.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I am pleased we have been able to bring to the Senate S. 39, a bill to amend and reauthorize the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. This bill, introduced by Senator STEVENS and cosponsored by Senators KERRY, MURKOWSKI, HOLLINGS, LOTT, INOUYE, SIMPSON, and myself, is crucial to continuing the sound management of our Nation's fishery resources.

On March 28, 1996, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation reported this legislation. The report was filed on May 23, 1996, and a cost estimate for the bill as prepared by the Congressional Budget Office was printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on July 10, 1996. Under the leadership of Senator STEVENS, chairman of our Oceans and Fisheries Subcommittee, seven field hearings were conducted last year gathering testimony from fishermen, industry representatives, Federal and State managers, and environmental organizations, throughout the Nation. While this legislation may not be perfect, the language we have before us today is an attempt to address the concerns raised at those hearings as well as issues brought to our attention by many of our colleagues in the Senate. This has been no small feat and I commend Senator STEVENS for his efforts.

Commercial fisheries are very important to many States and the Nation as a whole. In 1995, commercial landings by U.S. fishermen were over 9.9 billion pounds and valued at $3.8 billion. The State of Alaska led the Nation in value of landings with $1.4 billion. Other regions of the country have a similar dependency on commercial fisheries, some are strong and robust, others have not fared as well—their fish stocks have declined and communities in those regions are feeling that economic impact. Hopefully, provisions in this bill that call for reductions in bycatch, measures to prevent overfishing, and requirements for the protection of habitat, will again bring about healthy fisheries and healthy fishing communities.

Twenty years ago the Magnuson Act was enacted in direct response to the depletion of U.S. fishery resources by foreign vessels. The Magnuson Act secured U.S. jurisdiction and management authority over the fisheries out to 200 miles from our shores. It was intended that this action would provide long-term stability and sustainable fisheries, though today in many areas we are again overcapitalized and the stocks face a crisis similar to that of the 1970's.

The Magnuson Act is administered by the National Marine Fisheries Service and eight Regional Fishery Management Councils that manage the fisheries in their geographic areas through specific fishery management plans. Their actions provide the rules under which the fishing industry operates. They determine the harvest quotas, season length, gear restrictions, and license limitations. This is where tough management decisions need to be made.

One of the overall goals of the Magnuson Act is to provide a mechanism to determine the appropriate level of harvest to maximize the benefit to the Nation while still protecting the long-term sustainability of the fisheries. It is a balancing act among competing interests of commercial and recreational fishermen and even competing gear groups within the commercial industry.

Mr. President, I am pleased that Senator STEVENS, Senator GORTON, and others have been able to resolve any differences they may have had with the bill as reported. A manager's amendment that I fully support has been developed that addresses these issues. The amendment shortens the authorization period through fiscal year 1999, thereby reducing the time that a moratorium will be in effect concerning individual fishing quotas [IFQ's]; it requires the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study on the value of IFQ's and community development quotas or CDQ's; it includes consideration for the sustained participation of fishing communities, and it also addresses the issue of State jurisdiction into Federal waters absent any applicable fishery management plan.

Mr. President, many of the provisions in this bill will strengthen the administration of the Magnuson Act and, in turn, the conservation and management of our fishery resources. I say to my Senate colleagues that this bill is a bipartisan effort to accommodate the interests of fishermen throughout the Nation. I again commend the leadership efforts of Senator STEVENS as well as many other members of the Commerce Committee in moving this legislation.

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, we are obliged to be responsible stewards of our environment, both here and abroad. Even in these times of fiscal restraint, it would be counterproductive to cut back on the investment we have made in our environment and indeed in our own future. Growing concern over the deterioration of our global resources and environment has forced us to examine ways in which we can redouble our efforts to protect and conserve these valuable resources. However, protection need not be at the expense of our ability to enjoy, enhance, and utilize our resources. There are few industries whose future is as directly dependent on the conservation of a resource as commercial fishing.

As residents of Oregon's coastal communities recently learned, due to the closing of a commercial salmon season, when fish populations suffer that hardship is passed along to fishermen, processors, and consumers. The problem of dwindling fishery resources is not unique to the Pacific Northwest. Virtually every region of the country has experienced some form of decay in the commercial fishing industry. Therefore, it is critical that we fulfill our obligation to protect and responsibly manage our Nation's fisheries.

The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act has been our Nation's principal offshore fisheries conservation policy since it was enacted in 1976. I am gratified the Senate has overcome the substantial barriers that were preventing this important legislation from being considered. The House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed its version of this measure last year and it is my hope we will send a Magnuson reauthorization bill to the President for his signature this year. However, I recognize there are a number of outstanding issues which must be resolved before we can complete action on this important legislation.

Mr. President, I would like to take a brief moment to congratulate the sponsors of the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, Senators STEVENS and KERRY. They have crafted a bill which enjoys support on a bipartisan basis in the Senate and is also endorsed by numerous conservation and industry groups. It has taken impressive dedication on the part of the sponsors of this bill and cooperation with many Members of the Senate to bring this measure before us today. I commend them for their leadership on this matter.

The Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, S. 39, would extend the authorization of appropriations for the Magnuson Fishery Conservation Management Act through fiscal year 2000 and build on the policy objectives of that landmark legislation. In the 20 years since

its enactment, the Magnuson Act has provided a national framework for conserving and managing U.S. marine fisheries.

In addition to reauthorizing several important appropriations for marine statutes, the Sustainable Fisheries Act includes significant fishery conservation and management provisions. The bill contains language which requires fishery management plans to specify criteria for establishing when a fishery has been overfished and include methods to rebuild an overfished fishery. Additionally, the issue of bycatch, taking of nontarget fish in the process of catching marketable seafood, is also addressed by this legislation. It adds a national standard which would require measures to minimize bycatch and minimize the mortality of unavoidable bycatch. The legislation also mandates the eight regional fishery management councils to identify essential fish habitat and reduce negative effects on habitat due to fishing.

As with all natural resource policy matters, effective conservation and management of fisheries must be based on sound science and accurate research. The Sustainable Fisheries Act maintains existing Magnuson Act sections dealing with data collection and fisheries research. Additionally, it includes a section which establishes guidelines for fishing vessel observers and fishing vessel registration. The legislation also incorporates the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a review of the contentious individual fishing quota and community development quota programs.

Many individuals within my State have contacted me to express concern about specific provisions contained in this legislation. I recognize each issue within this bill may not be resolved to the satisfaction of all interested parties. However, the compromise package is a reasonable attempt to address these concerns and the accommodations made by the managers of the bill represent our best opportunity to see this overdue legislation enacted this year. Therefore, I will vote in favor of the Sustainable Fisheries Act.

Once again, I applaud the work of the sponsors of this legislation and thank them for their efforts on behalf of our Nation's fisheries and those who depend upon them. It is my hope the Senate will overwhelmingly pass this important measure and that action will be taken quickly by the White House to sign it into law.

BUDGETARY TREATMENT OF LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAMS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, title III of S. 39, the Fisheries Financing Act, creates a new loan guarantee program and makes some changes to existing credit programs. Under the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, we reformed the budgetary treatment of Federal direct loan and loan guarantee programs to make sure we accurately reflected the costs of all these programs in the Federal budget. As a new credit program, this program will be governed under the terms of the Federal Credit Reform Act.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, parliamentary inquiry.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Have we disposed of all matters that were covered by the time agreement?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the committee substitute is agreed to.

The committee substitute was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be read for the third time.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, we have been waiting for one Senator, but we have waited a long time. I do ask unanimous consent now that there be a period after the vote of about, say, 10 minutes for Members who wish to make statements concerning this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, this bill took 5 years, from 1971 to 1976, to pass—the original bill. This one has been worked out in a very short period of time due to the total agreement of everyone concerned. I am thankful for that. I thank my good friend from Massachusetts in particular.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I join my colleague in expressing gratitude for the bipartisan effort to bring forth this bill. As Senator STEVENS said yesterday, this is the most important conservation measure we will pass in this session, and I am grateful we are able to do it in a bipartisan way.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Shall the bill pass? The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 100, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 295 Leg.]

YEAS—100

Abraham	Bingaman	Bryan
Akaka	Bond	Bumpers
Ashcroft	Boxer	Burns
Baucus	Bradley	Byrd
Bennett	Breaux	Campbell
Biden	Brown	Chafee
Coats	Hatfield	Murkowski
Cochran	Heflin	Murray
Cohen	Helms	Nickles
Conrad	Hollings	Nunn
Coverdell	Hutchison	Pell
Craig	Inhofe	Pressler
D'Amato	Inouye	Pryor
Daschle	Jeffords	Reid
DeWine	Johnston	Robb
Dodd	Kassebaum	Rockefeller
Domenici	Kempthorne	Roth
Dorgan	Kennedy	Santorum
Exon	Kerrey	Sarbanes
Faircloth	Kerry	Shelby
Feingold	Kohl	Simon
Feinstein	Kyl	Simpson
Ford	Lautenberg	Smith
Frahm	Leahy	Snowe
Frist	Levin	Specter
Glenn	Lieberman	Stevens
Gorton	Lott	Thomas
Graham	Lugar	Thompson
Gramm	Mack	Thurmond
Grams	McCain	Warner
Grassley	McConnell	Wellstone
Gregg	Mikulski	Wyden
Harkin	Moseley-Braun	
Hatch	Moynihan	

The bill (S. 39), as amended, was passed, as follows:

S. 39

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the ''Sustainable Fisheries Act''.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF MAGNUSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.).

TITLE I—CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

SEC. 101. FINDINGS; PURPOSES; POLICY.

Section 2 (16 U.S.C. 1801) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a)(2) and inserting the following:

''(2) Certain stocks of fish have declined to the point where their survival is threatened, and other stocks of fish have been so substantially reduced in number that they could become similarly threatened as a consequence of (A) increased fishing pressure, (B) the inadequacy of fishery resource conservation and management practices and controls, or (C) direct and indirect habitat losses which have resulted in a diminished capacity to support existing fishing levels.'';

(2) by inserting ''to facilitate long-term protection of essential fish habitats,'' in subsection (a)(6) after ''conservation,'';

(3) by adding at the end of subsection (a) the following:

''(9) One of the greatest long-term threats to the viability of commercial and recreational fisheries is the continuing loss of marine, estuarine, and other aquatic habitats. Habitat considerations should receive increased attention for the conservation and management of fishery resources of the United States.

''(10) Pacific Insular Areas contain unique historical, cultural, legal, political, and geographical circumstances which make fisheries resources important in sustaining their economic growth.'';

(4) by striking ''principles;'' in subsection (b)(3) and inserting ''principles, including the promotion of catch and release programs in recreational fishing;'';

(5) by striking ''and'' after the semicolon at the end of subsection (b)(5);

(6) by striking ''development.'' in subsection (b)(6) and inserting ''development in a non-wasteful manner; and'';

(7) by adding at the end of subsection (b) the following:

''(7) to promote the protection of essential fish habitat in the review of projects conducted under Federal permits, licenses, or other authorities that affect or have the potential to affect such habitat.'';

(8) in subsection (c)(3)—

(A) by striking ''promotes'' and inserting ''considers''; and

(B) by inserting ''minimize bycatch and'' after ''practical measures that'';

(9) striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (c)(5);

(10) striking the period at the end of paragraph (c)(6) and inserting ''; and''; and

(11) adding at the end of subsection (c) a new paragraph as follows:

''(7) to ensure that the fishery resources adjacent to a Pacific Insular Area, including resident or migratory stocks within the exclusive economic zone adjacent to such areas, be explored, developed, conserved, and managed for the benefit of the people of such area and of the United States.''.

SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.

Section 3 (16 U.S.C. 1802) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (32) as paragraphs (5) through (35) respectively, and inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

''(2) The term 'bycatch' means fish which are harvested in a fishery, but which are not sold or kept for personal use, and includes economic discards and regulatory discards. Such term does not include fish released alive under a recreational catch and release fishery management program.

''(3) The term 'charter fishing' means fishing from a vessel carrying a passenger for hire (as defined in section 2101(21a) of title 46, United States Code) who is engaged in recreational fishing.

''(4) The term 'commercial fishing' means fishing in which the fish harvested, either in whole or in part, are intended to enter commerce or enter commerce through sale, barter or trade.'';

(2) in paragraph (7) (as redesignated)—

(A) by striking ''COELENTERATA'' from the heading of the list of corals and inserting ''CNIDARIA''; and

(B) in the list appearing under the heading ''CRUSTACEA'', by striking ''Deep-sea Red Crab—Geryon quinquedens'' and inserting ''Deep-sea Red Crab—Chaceon quinquedens'';

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (9) through (35) (as redesignated) as paragraphs (11) through (37), respectively, and inserting after paragraph (8) (as redesignated) the following:

''(9) The term 'economic discards' means fish which are the target of a fishery, but which are not retained because they are of an undesirable size, sex, or quality, or for other economic reasons.

''(10) The term 'essential fish habitat' means those waters and substrate necessary to fish for spawning, breeding, feeding or growth to maturity.'';

(4) by redesignating paragraphs (16) through (37) (as redesignated) as paragraphs (17) through (38), respectively, and inserting after paragraph (15) (as redesignated) the following:

''(16) The term 'fishing community' means a community which is substantially dependent on or substantially engaged in the harvest or processing of fishery resources to meet social and economic needs, and includes fishing vessel owners, operators, and crew and United States fish processors that are based in such community.'';

(5) by redesignating paragraphs (21) through (38) (as redesignated) as paragraphs (22) through (39), respectively, and inserting after paragraph (20) (as redesignated) the following:

''(21) The term 'individual fishing quota' means a Federal permit under a limited access system to harvest a quantity of fish, expressed by a unit or units representing a percentage of the total allowable catch of a fishery that may be received or held for exclusive use by a person. Such term does not include community development quotas as described in section 305(i).'';

(6) by striking ''of one and one-half miles'' in paragraph (23) (as redesignated) and inserting ''of two and one-half kilometers'';

(7) by striking paragraph (28) (as redesignated), and inserting the following:

''(28) The term 'optimum', with respect to the yield from a fishery, means the amount of fish which—

''(A) will provide the greatest overall benefit to the Nation, particularly with respect to food production and recreational opportunities, and taking into account the protection of marine ecosystems;

''(B) is prescribed on the basis of the maximum sustainable yield from the fishery, as reduced by any relevant social, economic, or ecological factor; and

''(C) in the case of an overfished fishery, provides for rebuilding to a level consistent with producing the maximum sustainable yield in such fishery.'';

(8) by redesignating paragraphs (29) through (39) (as redesignated) as paragraphs (31) through (41), respectively, and inserting after paragraph (28) (as redesignated) the following:

''(29) The terms 'overfishing' and 'overfished' mean a rate or level of fishing mortality that jeopardizes the capacity of a fishery to produce the maximum sustainable yield on a continuing basis.

''(30) The term ''Pacific Insular Area'' means American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Island, Wake Island, or Palmyra Atoll, as applicable, and includes all islands and reefs appurtenant to such island, reef, or atoll.'';

(9) by redesignating paragraphs (32) through (41) (as redesignated) as paragraphs (34) through (43), respectively, and inserting after paragraph (31) (as redesignated) the following:

''(32) The term 'recreational fishing' means fishing for sport or pleasure.

''(33) The term 'regulatory discards' means fish harvested in a fishery which fishermen are required by regulation to discard whenever caught, or are required by regulation to retain but not sell.'';

(10) by redesignating paragraphs (36) through (43) (as redesignated) as paragraphs (37) through (44), respectively, and inserting after paragraph (35) (as redesignated) the following:

''(36) The term 'special areas' means the areas referred to as eastern special areas in Article 3(1) of the Agreement between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Maritime Boundary, signed June 1, 1990. In particular, the term refers to those areas east of the maritime boundary, as defined in that Agreement, that lie within 200 nautical miles of the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea of Russia is measured but beyond 200 nautical miles of the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea of the United States is measured.'';

(11) by striking ''for which a fishery management plan prepared under title III or a preliminary fishery management plan prepared under section 201(g) has been implemented'' in paragraph (42) (as redesignated) and inserting ''regulated under this Act''; and

(12) by redesignating paragraph (44) (as redesignated) as paragraph (45), and inserting after paragraph (43) the following:

''(44) The term 'vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States' has the same meaning such term has in section 3(c) of the Maritime Drug Law Enforcement Act (46 U.S.C. App. 1903(c)).''.

SEC. 103. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The Act is amended by inserting after section 3 (16 U.S.C. 1802) the following:

''SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

''There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act, not to exceed the following sums:

''(1) $147,000,000 for fiscal year 1996;

''(2) $151,000,000 for fiscal year 1997;

''(3) $155,000,000 for fiscal year 1998; and

''(4) $159,000,000 for fiscal year 1999.''.

SEC. 104. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES.

Section 102 (16 U.S.C. 1812) is amended by striking ''promoting the objective of optimum utilization'' and inserting ''shall promote the achievement of optimum yield''.

SEC. 105. FOREIGN FISHING AND INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENTS.

(a) AUTHORITY TO OPERATE UNDER TRANSSHIPMENT PERMITS.—Section 201 (16 U.S.C. 1821) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) and inserting the following:

''(1) is authorized under subsections (b) or (c) or section 204(e), or under a permit issued under section 204(d);

''(2) is not prohibited under subsection (f); and'';

(2) by striking ''(i)'' in subsection (c)(2)(D) and inserting ''(h)'';

(3) by striking subsection (f);

(4) by redesignating subsections (g) through (j) as subsections (f) through (i), respectively;

(5) in paragraph (2) of subsection (h) (as redesignated), redesignate subparagraphs (B) and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respectively, and insert after subparagraph (A) the following:

''(B) in a situation where the foreign fishing vessel is operating under a Pacific Insular Area fishing agreement, the Governor of the applicable Pacific Insular Area, in consultation with the Western Pacific Council, has established an observer coverage program that is at least equal in effectiveness to the program established by the Secretary;''; and

(6) in subsection (i) (as redesignated) by striking ''305'' and inserting ''304''.

(b) INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENTS.—Section 202 (16 U.S.C. 1822) is amended—

(1) by adding before the period at the end of subsection (c) ''or section 204(e)'';

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(h) BYCATCH REDUCTION AGREEMENTS.—

''(1) The Secretary of State, in cooperation with the Secretary, shall seek to secure an international agreement to establish standards and measures for bycatch reduction that are comparable to the standards and measures applicable to United States fishermen for such purposes in any fishery regulated pursuant to this Act for which the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, determines that such an international agreement is necessary and appropriate.

''(2) An international agreement negotiated under this subsection shall be—

''(A) consistent with the policies and purposes of this Act; and

''(B) subject to approval by Congress under section 203.

''(3) Not later than January 1, 1997, and annually thereafter, the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives a report describing actions taken under this subsection.''.

(c) PERIOD FOR CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENTS.—Section 203 (16 U.S.C. 1823) is amended—

(1) by striking ''GOVERNING'' in the section heading;

(2) by striking ''agreement'' each place it appears in subsection (a) and inserting ''agreement, bycatch reduction agreement, or Pacific Insular Area fishery agreement'';

(3) by striking ''60 calendar days of continuous session of the Congress'' in subsection (a) and inserting ''120 days (excluding any days in a period for which the Congress is adjourned sine die)'';

(4) by striking subsection (c);

(5) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c); and

(6) by striking ''agreement'' in subsection (c)(2)(A), as redesignated, and inserting ''agreement, bycatch reduction agreement, or Pacific Insular Area fishery agreement''.

(d) TRANSSHIPMENT PERMITS AND PACIFIC INSULAR AREA FISHING.— Section 204 (16 U.S.C. 1824) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''or subsection (d)'' in the first sentence of subsection (b)(7) after ''under paragraph (6)'';

(2) by striking ''the regulations promulgated to implement any such plan'' in subsection (b)(7)(A) and inserting ''any applicable federal or State fishing regulations'';

(3) by inserting ''or subsection (d)'' in subsection (b)(7)(D) after ''paragraph (6)(B)''; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

''(d) TRANSSHIPMENT PERMITS.—

''(1) AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PERMITS.—The Secretary may issue a transshipment permit under this subsection which authorizes a vessel other than a vessel of the United States to engage in fishing consisting solely of transporting fish or fish products at sea from a point within the exclusive economic zone or, with the concurrence of a State, within the boundaries of that State, to a point outside the United States to any person who—

''(A) submits an application which is approved by the Secretary under paragraph (3); and

''(B) pays a fee imposed under paragraph (7).

''(2) TRANSMITTAL.—Upon receipt of an application for a permit under this subsection, the Secretary shall promptly transmit copies of the application to the Secretary of State, Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, any appropriate Council, and any affected State.

''(3) APPROVAL OF APPLICATION.—The Secretary may approve, in consultation with the appropriate Council or Marine Fisheries Commission, an application for a permit under this section if the Secretary determines that—

''(A) the transportation of fish or fish products to be conducted under the permit, as described in the application, will be in the interest of the United States and will meet the applicable requirements of this Act;

''(B) the applicant will comply with the requirements described in section 201(c)(2) with respect to activities authorized by any permit issued pursuant to the application;

''(C) the applicant has established any bonds or financial assurances that may be required by the Secretary; and

''(D) no owner or operator of a vessel of the United States which has adequate capacity to perform the transportation for which the application is submitted has indicated to the Secretary an interest in performing the transportation at fair and reasonable rates.

''(4) WHOLE OR PARTIAL APPROVAL.—The Secretary may approve all or any portion of an application under paragraph (3).

''(5) FAILURE TO APPROVE APPLICATION.—If the Secretary does not approve any portion of an application submitted under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall promptly inform the applicant and specify the reasons therefor.

''(6) CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.—The Secretary shall establish and include in each permit under this subsection conditions and restrictions, including those conditions and restrictions set forth in subsection (b)(7), which shall be complied with by the owner and operator of the vessel for which the permit is issued.

''(7) FEES.—The Secretary shall collect a fee for each permit issued under this subsection, in an amount adequate to recover the costs incurred by the United States in issuing the permit, except that the Secretary shall waive the fee for the permit if the foreign nation under which the vessel is registered does not collect a fee from a vessel of the United States engaged in similar activities in the waters of such foreign nation.

''(e) PACIFIC INSULAR AREAS.—

''(1) NEGOTIATION OF PACIFIC INSULAR AREA FISHERY AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of State, with the concurrence of the Secretary and in consultation with any appropriate Council, may negotiate and enter into a Pacific Insular Area fishery agreement to authorize foreign fishing within the exclusive economic zone adjacent to a Pacific Insular Area—

''(A) in the case of American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Mariana Islands, at the request and with the concurrence of, and in consultation with, the Governor of the Pacific Insular Area to which such agreement applies; and

''(B) in the case of a Pacific Insular Area other than American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Mariana Islands, at the request of the Western Pacific Council.

''(2) AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A Pacific Insular Area fishery agreement—

''(A) shall not be considered to supersede any governing international fishery agreement currently in effect under this Act, but shall provide an alternative basis for the conduct of foreign fishing within the exclusive economic zone adjacent to Pacific Insular Areas;

''(B) shall be negotiated and implemented consistent only with the governing international fishery agreement provisions of this title specifically made applicable in this subsection;

''(C) may not be negotiated with a nation that is in violation of a governing international fishery agreement in effect under this Act;

''(D) shall not be entered into if it is determined by the Governor of the applicable Pacific Insular Area with respect to agreements initiated under paragraph (1)(A), or the Western Pacific Council with respect to agreements initiated under paragraph (1)(B), that such an agreement will adversely affect the fishing activities of the indigenous people of such Pacific Insular Area;

''(E) shall be valid for a period not to exceed three years and shall only become effective according to the procedures in section 203; and

''(F) shall require the foreign nation and its fishing vessels to comply with the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4)(A) of section 201(c), section 201(d), and section 201(h).

''(3) PERMITS FOR FOREIGN FISHING.—

''(A) Application for permits for foreign fishing authorized under a Pacific Insular Areas fishing agreement shall be made, considered and approved or disapproved in accordance with paragraphs (3), (4), (5), (6), (7)(A) and (B), (8), and (9) of subsection (b), and shall include any conditions and restrictions established by the Secretary in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, the Governor of the applicable Pacific Insular Area, and the appropriate Council.

''(B) If a foreign nation notifies the Secretary of State of its acceptance of the requirements of this paragraph, paragraph (2)(F), and paragraph (5), including any conditions and restrictions established under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of State shall promptly transmit such notification to the Secretary. Upon receipt of any payment required under a Pacific Insular Area fishing agreement, the Secretary shall thereupon issue to such foreign nation, through the Secretary of State, permits for the appropriate fishing vessels of that nation. Each

permit shall contain a statement of all of the requirements, conditions, and restrictions established under this subsection which apply to the fishing vessel for which the permit is issued.

''(4) MARINE CONSERVATION PLANS.—

''(A) Prior to entering into a Pacific Insular Area fishery agreement, the Western Pacific Council and the appropriate Governor shall develop a 3-year marine conservation plan detailing uses for funds to be collected by the Secretary pursuant to such agreement. Such plan shall be consistent with any applicable fishery management plan, identify conservation and management objectives (including criteria for determining when such objectives have been met), and prioritize planned marine conservation projects. Conservation and management objectives shall include, but not be limited to—

''(i) establishment of Pacific Insular Area observer programs, approved by the Secretary in consultation with the Western Pacific Council, that provide observer coverage for foreign fishing under Pacific Insular Area fishery agreements that is at least equal in effectiveness to the program established by the Secretary under section 201(h);

''(ii) conduct of marine and fisheries research, including development of systems for information collection, analysis, evaluation, and reporting;

''(iii) conservation, education, and enforcement activities related to marine and coastal management, such as living marine resource assessments, habitat monitoring and coastal studies;

''(iv) grants to the University of Hawaii for technical assistance projects by the Pacific Island Network, such as education and training in the development and implementation of sustainable marine resources development projects, scientific research, and conservation strategies; and

''(v) western Pacific community-based demonstration projects under section 112(b) of the Sustainable Fisheries Act and other coastal improvement projects to foster and promote the management, conservation, and economic enhancement of the Pacific Insular Areas.

''(B) In the case of American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands, the appropriate Governor, with the concurrence of the Western Pacific Council, shall develop the marine conservation plan described in subparagraph (A) and submit such plan to the Secretary for approval. In the case of other Pacific Insular Areas, the Western Pacific Council shall develop and submit the marine conservation plan described in subparagraph (A) to the Secretary for approval.

''(C) If a Governor or the Western Pacific Council intends to request that the Secretary of State renew a Pacific Insular Area fishery agreement, a subsequent 3-year plan shall be submitted to the Secretary for approval by the end of the second year of the existing 3-year plan.

''(5) RECIPROCAL CONDITIONS.—Except as expressly provided otherwise in this subsection, a Pacific Insular Area fishing agreemeent may include terms similar to the terms applicable to United States fishing vessels for access to similar fisheries in waters subject to the fisheries jurisdiction of another nation.

''(6) USE OF PAYMENTS BY AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.—Any payments received by the Secretary under a Pacific Insular Area fishery agreement for American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Mariana Islands shall be deposited into the United States Treasury and then covered over to the Treasury of the Pacific Insular Area for which those funds were collected. Amounts deposited in the Treasury of a Pacific Insular Area shall be available, without appropriation or fiscal year limitation, to the Governor of the Pacific Insular Area—

''(A) to carry out the purposes of this subsection;

''(B) to compensate (i) the Western Pacific Council for mutually agreed upon administrative costs incurred relating to any Pacific Insular Area fishery agreement for such Pacific Insular Area, and (ii) the Secretary of State for mutually agreed upon travel expenses for no more than 2 Federal representatives incurred as a direct result of complying with paragraph (1)(A); and

''(C) to implement a marine conservation plan developed and approved under paragraph (4).

''(7) WESTERN PACIFIC SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES FUND.—There is established in the United States Treasury a Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund into which any payments received by the Secretary under a Pacific Insular Area fishery agreement for any Pacific Insular Area other than American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Mariana Islands shall be deposited. The Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund shall be made available, without appropriation or fiscal year limitation, to the Secretary, who shall provide such funds only to—

''(A) the Western Pacific Council for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this subsection, including implementation of a marine conservation plan approved under paragraph (4);

''(B) the Secretary of State for mutually agreed upon travel expenses for no more than 2 federal representatives incurred as a direct result of complying with paragraph (1)(B); and

''(C) the Western Pacific Council to meet conservation and management objectives in the State of Hawaii if monies remain in the Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund after the funding requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) have been satisfied.

Amounts deposited in such fund shall not diminish funding received by the Western Pacific Council for the purpose of carrying out other responsibilities under this Act.

''(8) USE OF FINES AND PENALTIES.—In the case of violations occurring within the exclusive economic zone off American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Mariana Islands, amounts received by the Secretary which are attributable to fines or penalties imposed under this Act, including such sums collected from the forfeiture and disposition or sale of property seized subject to its authority, after payment of direct costs of the enforcement action to all entities involved in such action, shall be deposited into the Treasury of the Pacific Insular Area adjacent to the exclusive economic zone in which the violation occurred, to be used for fisheries enforcement and for implementation of a marine conservation plan under paragraph (4).''.

(e) ATLANTIC HERRING TRANSSHIPMENT.—Within 30 days of receiving an application, the Secretary shall, under Section 204(d) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by this Act, issue permits to up to fourteen Canadian transport vessels that are not equipped for fish harvesting or processing, for the transshipment, within the boundaries of the State of Maine or within the portion of the exclusive economic zone east of the line 69 degrees 30 minutes west and within 12 nautical miles from the seaward boundary of that State, of Atlantic herring harvested by United States fishermen within the area described and used solely in sardine processing. In issuing a permit pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary shall provide a waiver under section 201(h)(2)(C) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by this Act, provided that such vessels comply with Federal or State monitoring and reporting requirements for the Atlantic herring fishery, including the stationing of United States observers aboard such vessels, if necessary.

(f) LARGE SCALE DRIFTNET FISHING.—Section 206 (16 U.S.C. 1826) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e), by striking paragraphs (3) and (4), and redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as (3) and (4), respectively; and

(2) in subsection (f), by striking ''(e)(6),'' and inserting ''(e)(4),''.

(g) RUSSIAN FISHING IN THE BERING SEA.—No later than September 30, 1997, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, in consultation with the North Pacific and Bering Sea Advisory Body, shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives a report describing the institutional structures in Russia pertaining to stock assessment, management, and enforcement for fishery harvests in the Bering Sea, and recommendations for improving coordination between the United States and Russia for managing and conserving Bering Sea fishery resources of mutual concern.

SEC. 106. NATIONAL STANDARDS.

(a) Section 301(a)(5) (16 U.S.C. 1851(a)(5)) is amended by striking ''promote'' and inserting ''consider''.

(b) Section 301(a) (16 U.S.C. 1851(a)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

''(8) Conservation and management measures shall, consistent with the conservation requirements of this Act (including the prevention of overfishing and rebuilding of overfished stocks), take into account the importance of fishery resources to fishing communities in order to (A) provide for the sustained participation of such communities, and (B) to the extent practicable, minimize adverse economic impacts on such communities.

''(9) Conservation and management measures shall, to the extent practicable, (A) minimize bycatch and (B) to the extent bycatch cannot be avoided, minimize the mortality of such bycatch.

''(10) Conservation and management measures shall, to the extent practicable, promote the safety of human life at sea.''.

SEC. 107. REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCILS.

(a) Section 302(a) (16 U.S.C. 1852(a)) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''(1)'' after the subsection heading;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (8) as subparagraphs (A) through (H), respectively;

(3) by striking ''section 304(f)(3)'' wherever it appears and inserting ''paragraph (3)'';

(4) in paragraph (1)(B), as amended—

(A) by striking ''and Virginia'' and inserting ''Virginia, and North Carolina'';

(B) by inserting ''North Carolina, and'' after ''except'';

(C) by striking ''19'' and inserting ''21''; and

(D) by striking ''12'' and inserting ''13'';

(5) by striking paragraph (1)(F), as redesignated, and inserting the following:

''(F) PACIFIC COUNCIL.—The Pacific Fishery Management Council shall consist of the States of California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho and shall have authority over the fisheries in the Pacific Ocean seaward of such States. The Pacific Council shall have 14 voting members, including 8 appointed by the Secretary in accordance with subsection (b)(2) (at least one of whom shall be appointed from each such State), and including

one appointed from an Indian tribe with Federally recognized fishing rights from California, Oregon, Washington, or Idaho in accordance with subsection (b)(5).'';

(6) by indenting the sentence at the end thereof and inserting ''(2)'' before ''Each Council''; and

(7) by adding at the end the following:

''(3) The Secretary shall have authority over any highly migratory species fishery that is within the geographical area of authority of more than one of the following Councils: New England Council, Mid-Atlantic Council, South Atlantic Council, Gulf Council, and Caribbean Council.''.

(b) Section 302(b) (16 U.S.C. 1852(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''subsection (b)(2)'' in paragraphs (1)(C) and (3), and inserting in both places ''paragraphs (2) and (5)'';

(2) by striking the last sentence in paragraph (3) and inserting the following: ''Any term in which an individual was appointed to replace a member who left office during the term shall not be counted in determining the number of consecutive terms served by that Council member.''; and

(3) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

''(5)(A) The Secretary shall appoint to the Pacific Council one representative of an Indian tribe with Federally recognized fishing rights from California, Oregon, Washington, or Idaho from a list of not less than 3 individuals submitted by the tribal governments. The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and tribal governments, shall establish by regulation the procedure for submitting a list under this subparagraph.

''(B) Representation shall be rotated among the tribes taking into consideration—

''(i) the qualifications of the individuals on the list referred to in subparagraph (A),

''(ii) the various rights of the Indian tribes involved and judicial cases that set forth how those rights are to be exercised, and

''(iii) the geographic area in which the tribe of the representative is located.

''(C) A vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of any term shall be filled in the same manner as set out in subparagraphs (A) and (B), except that the Secretary may use the list from which the vacating representative was chosen.

''(6) The Secretary may remove for cause any member of a Council required to be appointed by the Secretary in accordance with paragraphs (2) or (5) if—

''(A) the Council concerned first recommends removal by not less than two-thirds of the members who are voting members and submits such removal recommendation to the Secretary in writing together with a statement of the basis for the recommendation; or

''(B) the member is found by the Secretary, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with section 554 of title 5, United States Code, to have committed an act prohibited by section 307(1)(O).''.

(c) Section 302(d) (16 U.S.C. 1852(d)) is amended in the first sentence—

(1) by striking ''each Council,'' and inserting ''each Council who are required to be appointed by the Secretary and''; and

(2) by striking ''shall, until January 1, 1992,'' and all that follows through ''GS-16'' and inserting ''shall receive compensation at the daily rate for GS-15, step 7''.

(d) Section 302(e) (16 U.S.C. 1852(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(5) At the request of any voting member of a Council, the Council shall hold a roll call vote on any matter before the Council. The official minutes and other appropriate records of any Council meeting shall identify all roll call votes held, the name of each voting member present during each roll call vote, and how each member voted on each roll call vote.''.

(e) Section 302(g) (16 U.S.C. 1852(g)) is amended by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5), and by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

''(4) The Secretary shall establish advisory panels to assist in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the development of any fishery management plan or plan amendment for a fishery to which subsection (a)(3) applies. Each advisory panel shall participate in all aspects of the development of the plan or amendment; be balanced in its representation of commercial, recreational, and other interests; and consist of not less than 7 individuals who are knowledgeable about the fishery for which the plan or amendment is developed, selected from among—

''(A) members of advisory committees and species working groups appointed under Acts implementing relevant international fishery agreements pertaining to highly migratory species; and

''(B) other interested persons.''.

(f) Section 302(h) (16 U.S.C. 1852(h)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(1) for each fishery under its authority that requires conservation and management, prepare and submit to the Secretary (A) a fishery management plan, and (B) amendments to each such plan that are necessary from time to time (and promptly whenever changes in conservation and management measures in another fishery substantially affect the fishery for which such plan was developed);'';

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking ''section 204(b)(4)(C),'' in paragraph (2) and inserting ''section 204(b)(4)(C) or section 204(d),'';

(B) by striking ''304(c)(2)'' and inserting ''304(c)(4)''; and

(3) by striking ''304(f)(3) ''in paragraph (5) and inserting ''subsection (a)(3)''.

(g) Section 302 is amended further by striking subsection (i), and by redesignating subsections (j) and (k) as subsections (i) and (j), respectively.

(h) Section 302(i), as redesignated, is amended—

(1) by striking ''of the Councils'' in paragraph (1) and inserting ''established under subsection (g)'';

(2) by striking ''of a Council:'' in paragraph (2) and inserting ''established under subsection (g):'';

(3) by striking ''Council's'' in paragraph (2)(C);

(4) by adding the following at the end of paragraph (2)(C): ''The published agenda of the meeting may not be modified to include additional matters for Council action without public notice or within 14 days prior to the meeting date, unless such modification is to address an emergency action under section 305(c), in which case public notice shall be given immediately.'';

(5) by adding the following at the end of paragraph (2)(D): ''All written information submitted to a Council by an interested person shall include a statement of the source and date of such information. Any oral or written statement shall include a brief description of the background and interests of the person in the subject of the oral or written statement.'';

(6) by striking paragraph (2)(E) and inserting:

''(E) Detailed minutes of each meeting of the Council, except for any closed session, shall be kept and shall contain a record of the persons present, a complete and accurate description of matters discussed and conclusions reached, and copies of all statements filed. The Chairman shall certify the accuracy of the minutes of each such meeting and submit a copy thereof to the Secretary. The minutes shall be made available to any court of competent jurisdiction.'';

(7) by striking ''by the Council'' the first place it appears in paragraph (2)(F);

(8) by inserting ''or the Secretary, as appropriate'' in paragraph (2)(F) after ''of the Council''; and

(9) by striking ''303(d)'' each place it appears in paragraph (2)(F) and inserting ''402(b)''; and

(10) by striking ''303(d)'' in paragraph (4) and inserting ''402(b)''.

(i) Section 302(j), as redesignated, is amended—

(1) by inserting ''and Recusal'' after ''Interest'' in the subsection heading;

(2) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(1) For the purposes of this subsection—

''(A) the term 'affected individual' means an individual who—

''(i) is nominated by the Governor of a State for appointment as a voting member of a Council in accordance with subsection (b)(2); or

''(ii) is a voting member of a Council appointed—

''(I) under subsection (b)(2); or

''(II) under subsection (b)(5) who is not subject to disclosure and recusal requirements under the laws of an Indian tribal government; and

''(B) the term 'designated official' means a person with expertise in Federal conflict-of-interest requirements who is designated by the Secretary, in consultation with the Council, to attend Council meetings and make determinations under paragraph (7)(B).'';

(3) by striking ''(1)(A)'' in paragraph (3)(A) and inserting ''(1)(A)(i)'';

(4) by striking ''(1)(B) or (C)'' in paragraph (3)(B) and inserting ''(1)(A)(ii)'';

(5) by striking ''(1)(B) or (C)'' in paragraph (4) and inserting ''(1)(A)(ii)'';

(6)(A) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (5)(A);

(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (5)(B) and inserting a semicolon and the word ''and''; and

(C) by adding at the end of paragraph (5) the following:

''(C) be kept on file by the Secretary for use in reviewing determinations under paragraph (7)(B) and made available for public inspection at reasonable hours.'';

(7) by striking ''(1)(B) or (C)'' in paragraph (6) and inserting ''(1)(A)(ii)'';

(8) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (8) and inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

''(7)(A) After the effective date of regulations promulgated under subparagraph (F) of this paragraph, an affected individual required to disclose a financial interest under paragraph (2) shall not vote on a Council decision which would have a significant and predictable effect on such financial interest. A Council decision shall be considered to have a significant and predictable effect on a financial interest if there is a close causal link between the Council decision and an expected and substantially disproportionate benefit to the financial interest of the affected individual relative to the financial interests of other participants in the same gear type or sector of the fishery. An affected individual who may not vote may participate in Council deliberations relating to the decision after notifying the Council of the voting recusal and identifying the financial interest that would be affected.

''(B) At the request of an affected individual, or upon the initiative of the appropriate

designated official, the designated official shall make a determination for the record whether a Council decision would have a significant and predictable effect on a financial interest.

''(C) Any Council member may submit a written request to the Secretary to review any determination by the designated official under subparagraph (B) within 10 days of such determination. Such review shall be completed within 30 days of receipt of the request.

''(D) Any affected individual who does not vote in a Council decision in accordance with this subsection may state for the record how he or she would have voted on such decision if he or she had voted.

''(E) If the Council makes a decision before the Secretary has reviewed a determination under subparagraph (C), the eventual ruling may not be treated as cause for the invalidation or reconsideration by the Secretary of such decision.

''(F) The Secretary, in consultation with the Councils and by not later than one year from the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, shall promulgate regulations which prohibit an affected individual from voting in accordance with subparagraph (A), and which allow for the making of determinations under subparagraphs (B) and (C).''; and

(9) by striking ''(1)(B) or (C)'' in paragraph (8), as redesignated, and inserting ''(1)(A)(ii)''.

SEC. 108. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS.

(a) REQUIRED PROVISIONS.—Section 303(a) (16 U.S.C. 1853(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(A) by inserting ''and rebuild overfished stocks'' after ''overfishing'';

(2) by inserting ''commercial, recreational, and charter fishing in'' in paragraph (5) after ''with respect to'';

(3) by striking paragraph (7) and inserting the following:

''(7) describe and identify essential fish habitat for the fishery based on the guidelines established by the Secretary under section 305(b)(1)(A), minimize to the extent practicable adverse effects on such habitat caused by fishing, and identify other actions to encourage the conservation and enhancement of such habitat;'';

(4) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (8);

(5) by inserting ''and fishing communities'' after ''fisheries'' in paragraph (9)(A);

(6) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (9) and inserting a semicolon; and

(7) by adding at the end the following:

''(10) specify objective and measurable criteria for identifying when the fishery to which the plan applies is overfished (with an analysis of how the criteria were determined and the relationship of the criteria to the reproductive potential of stocks of fish in that fishery) and, in the case of a fishery which the Council or the Secretary has determined is approaching an overfished condition or is overfished, contain conservation and management measures to prevent overfishing or end overfishing and rebuild the fishery;

''(11) establish a standardized reporting methodology to assess the amount and type of bycatch occurring in the fishery, and include conservation and management measures that, to the extent practicable and in the following priority—

''(A) minimize bycatch; and

''(B) minimize the mortality of bycatch which cannot be avoided;

''(12) assess the type and amount of fish caught and released alive during recreational fishing under catch and release fishery management programs and the mortality of such fish, and include conservation and management measures that, to the extent practicable, minimize mortality and ensure the extended survival of such fish;

''(13) include a description of the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors which participate in the fishery and, to the extent practicable, quantify trends in landings of the managed fishery resource by the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors; and

''(14) to the extent that rebuilding plans or other conservation and management measures which reduce the overall harvest in a fishery are necessary, allocate any harvest restrictions or recovery benefits fairly and equitably among the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors in the fishery.''.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 24 months after the date of enactment of this Act, each Regional Fishery Management Council shall submit to the Secretary of Commerce amendments to each fishery management plan under its authority to comply with the amendments made in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) DISCRETIONARY PROVISIONS.—Section 303(b) (16 U.S.C. 1853(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

''(3) establish specified limitations which are necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery on the —

''(A) catch of fish (based on area, species, size, number, weight, sex, bycatch, total biomass, or other factors);

''(B) sale of fish caught during commercial, recreational, or charter fishing, consistent with any applicable Federal and State safety and quality requirements; and

''(C) transshipment or transportation of fish or fish products under permits issued pursuant to section 204;'';

(2) by striking ''system for limiting access to'' in paragraph (6) and inserting ''limited access system for'';

(3) by striking ''fishery'' in subparagraph (E) of paragraph (6) and inserting ''fishery and any affected fishing communities'';

(4) by inserting ''one or more'' in paragraph (8) after ''require that'';

(5) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (9);

(6) by redesignating paragraph (10) as paragraph (12); and

(7) by inserting after paragraph (9) the following:

''(10) include, consistent with the other provisions of this Act, conservation and management measures that provide harvest incentives for participants within each gear group to employ fishing practices that result in lower levels of bycatch or in lower levels of the mortality of bycatch;

''(11) reserve a portion of the allowable biological catch of the fishery for use in scientific research; and''.

(d) REGULATIONS.—Section 303 (16 U.S.C. 1853) is amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

''(c) PROPOSED REGULATIONS.—Proposed regulations which the Council deems necessary or appropriate for the purposes of—

''(1) implementing a fishery management plan or plan amendment shall be submitted to the Secretary simultaneously with the plan or amendment under section 304; and

''(2) making modifications to regulations implementing a fishery management plan or plan amendment may be submitted to the Secretary at any time after the plan or amendment is approved under section 304.''.

(e) INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTAS.—Subsection 303 (16 U.S.C. 1853) is amended further by striking subsections (d), (e), and (f), and inserting the following:

''(d) INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTAS.—

''(1)(A) A Council may not submit and the Secretary may not approve or implement before October 1, 2000, any fishery management plan, plan amendment, or regulation under this Act which creates a new individual fishing quota program.

''(B) Any fishery management plan, plan amendment, or regulation approved by the Secretary on or after January 4, 1995, which creates any new individual fishing quota program shall be repealed and immediately returned by the Secretary to the appropriate Council and shall not be resubmitted, reapproved, or implemented during the moratorium set forth in subparagraph (A).

''(2)(A) No provision of law shall be construed to limit the authority of a Council to submit and the Secretary to approve the termination or limitation, without compensation to holders of any limited access system permits, of a fishery management plan, plan amendment, or regulation that provides for a limited access system, including an individual fishing quota program.

''(B) This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit a Council from submitting, or the Secretary from approving and implementing, amendments to the North Pacific halibut and sablefish, South Atlantic wreckfish, or Mid-Atlantic surf clam and ocean (including mahogany) quahog individual fishing quota programs.

''(3) An individual fishing quota or other limited access system authorization—

''(A) shall be considered a permit for the purposes of sections 307, 308, and 309;

''(B) may be revoked or limited at any time in accordance with this Act;

''(C) shall not confer any right of compensation to the holder of such individual fishing quota or other such limited access system authorization if it is revoked or limited; and

''(D) shall not create, or be construed to create, any right, title, or interest in or to any fish before the fish is harvested.

''(4)(A) A Council may submit, and the Secretary may approve and implement, a program which reserves up to 25 percent of any fees collected from a fishery under section 304(d)(2) to be used, pursuant to section 1104A(a)(7) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 U.S.C. App. 1274(a)(7)), to issue obligations that aid in financing the—

''(i) purchase of individual fishing quotas in that fishery by fishermen who fish from small vessels; and

''(ii) first-time purchase of individual fishing quotas in that fishery by entry level fishermen.

''(B) A Council making a submission under subparagraph (A) shall recommend criteria, consistent with the provisions of this Act, that a fisherman must meet to qualify for guarantees under clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) and the portion of funds to be allocated for guarantees under each clause.

''(5) In submitting and approving any new individual fishing quota program on or after October 1, 2000, the Councils and the Secretary shall consider the report of the National Academy of Sciences required under section 108(f) of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, and any recommendations contained in such report, and shall ensure that any such program—

''(A) establishes procedures and requirements for the review and revision of the terms of any such program (including any revisions that may be necessary once a national policy with respect to individual fishing quota programs is implemented), and, if appropriate, for the renewal, reallocation, or reissuance of individual fishing quotas;

''(B) provides for the effective enforcement and management of any such program, including adequate observer coverage, and for fees under section 304(d)(2) to recover actual

costs directly related to such enforcement and management; and

''(C) provides for a fair and equitable initial allocation of individual fishing quotas, prevents any person from acquiring an excessive share of the individual fishing quotas issued, and considers the allocation of a portion of the annual harvest in the fishery for entry-level fishermen, small vessel owners, and crew members who do not hold or qualify for individual fishing quotas.''.

(f) INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTA REPORT.— (1) Not later than October 1, 1998, the National Academy of Sciences, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and the Regional Fishery Management Councils, shall submit to the Congress a comprehensive final report on individual fishing quotas, which shall include recommendations to implement a national policy with respect to individual fishing quotas. The report shall address all aspects of such quotas, including an analysis of—

(A) the effects of limiting or prohibiting the transferability of such quotas;

(B) mechanisms to prevent foreign control of the harvest of United States fisheries under individual fishing quota programs, including mechanisms to prohibit persons who are not eligible to be deemed a citizen of the United States for the purpose of operating a vessel in the coastwise trade under section 2(a) and section 2(c) of the Shipping Act, 1916 (46 U.S.C. 802 (a) and (c)) from holding individual fishing quotas;

(C) the impact of limiting the duration of individual fishing quota programs;

(D) the impact of authorizing Federal permits to process a quantity of fish that correspond to individual fishing quotas, and of the value created for recipients of any such permits, including a comparison of such value to the value of the corresponding individual fishing quotas;

(E) mechanisms to provide for diversity and to minimize adverse social and economic impacts on fishing communities, other fisheries affected by the displacement of vessels, and any impacts associated with the shifting of capital value from fishing vessels to individual fishing quotas, as well as the use of capital construction funds to purchase individual fishing quotas;

(F) mechanisms to provide for effective monitoring and enforcement, including the inspection of fish harvested and incentives to reduce bycatch, and in particular economic discards;

(G) threshold criteria for determining whether a fishery may be considered for individual fishing quota management, including criteria related to the geographical range, population dynamics and condition of a fish stock, the socioeconomic characteristics of a fishery (including participants' involvement in multiple fisheries in the region), and participation by commercial, charter, and recreational fishing sectors in the fishery;

(H) mechanisms to ensure that vessel owners, vessel masters, crew members, and United States fish processors are treated fairly and equitably in initial allocations, to require persons holding individual fishing quotas to be on board the vessel using such quotas, and to facilitate new entry under individual fishing quota programs;

(I) potential social and economic costs and benefits to the nation, individual fishing quota recipients, and any recipients of Federal permits described in subparagraph (D) under individual fishing quota programs, including from capital gains revenue, the allocation of such quotas or permits through Federal auctions, annual fees and transfer fees at various levels, or other measures;

(J) the value created for recipients of individual fishing quotas, including a comparison of such value to the value of the fish harvested under such quotas and to the value of permits created by other types of limited access systems, and the effects of creating such value on fishery management and conservation; and

(K) such other matters as the National Academy of Sciences deems appropriate.

(2) The report shall include a detailed analysis of individual fishing quota programs already implemented in the United States, including the impacts: of any limits on transferability, on past and present participants, on fishing communities, on the rate and total amount of bycatch (including economic and regulatory discards) in the fishery, on the safety of life and vessels in the fishery, on any excess harvesting or processing capacity in the fishery, on any gear conflicts in the fishery, on product quality from the fishery, on the effectiveness of enforcement in the fishery, on the size and composition of fishing vessel fleets, of the economic value created by individual fishing quotas for initial recipients and non-recipients, on conservation of the fishery resource, on fishermen who rely on participation in several fisheries, on the success in meeting any fishery management plan goals, and the fairness and effectiveness of the methods used for allocating quotas and controlling transferability. The report shall also include any information about individual fishing quota programs in other countries that may be useful.

(3) The report shall identify and analyze alternative conservation and management measures, including other limited access systems such as individual transferable effort systems, that could accomplish the same objectives as individual fishing quota programs, as well as characteristics that are unique to individual fishing quota programs.

(4) The Secretary of Commerce shall, in consultation with the National Academy of Sciences, the Councils, the fishing industry, affected States, conservation organizations and other interested persons, establish two individual fishing quota review groups to assist in the preparation of the report, which shall represent: (A) Alaska, Hawaii, and the other Pacific coastal States; and (B) Atlantic coastal States and the Gulf of Mexico coastal States. The Secretary shall, to the extent practicable, achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints among the individuals on each review group. The review groups shall be deemed to be advisory panels under section 302(g) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by this Act.

(5) The Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the National Academy of Sciences and the Councils, shall conduct public hearings in each Council region to obtain comments on individual fishing quotas for use by the National Academy of Sciences in preparing the report required by this subsection. The National Academy of Sciences shall submit a draft report to the Secretary of Commerce by January 1, 1998. The Secretary of Commerce shall publish in the Federal Register a notice and opportunity for public comment on the draft of the report, or any revision thereof. A detailed summary of comments received and views presented at the hearings, including any dissenting views, shall be included by the National Academy of Sciences in the final report.

(6) Section 210 of Public Law 104-134 is hereby repealed.

(g) NORTH PACIFIC LOAN PROGRAM.—(1) By not later than October 1, 1997 the North Pacific Fishery Management Council shall recommend to the Secretary of Commerce a program which uses the full amount of fees authorized to be used under section 303(d)(4) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by this Act, in the halibut and sablefish fisheries off Alaska to guarantee obligations in accordance with such section.

(2)(A) For the purposes of this subsection, the phrase ''fishermen who fish from small vessels'' in section 303(d)(4)(A)(i) of such Act shall mean fishermen wishing to purchase individual fishing quotas for use from Category B, Category C, or Category D vessels, as defined in part 676.20(c) of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (as revised as of October 1, 1995), whose aggregate ownership of individual fishing quotas will not exceed the equivalent of a total of 50,000 pounds of halibut and sablefish harvested in the fishing year in which a guarantee application is made if the guarantee is approved, who will participate aboard the fishing vessel in the harvest of fish caught under such quotas, who have at least 150 days of experience working as part of the harvesting crew in any U.S. commercial fishery, and who do not own in whole or in part any Category A or Category B vessel, as defined in such part and title of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(B) For the purposes of this subsection, the phrase ''entry level fishermen'' in section 303(d)(4)(A)(ii) of such Act shall mean fishermen who do not own any individual fishing quotas, who wish to obtain the equivalent of not more than a total of 8,000 pounds of halibut and sablefish harvested in the fishing year in which a guarantee application is made, and who will participate aboard the fishing vessel in the harvest of fish caught under such quotas.

(h) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA REPORT.—Not later than October 1, 1998, the National Academy of Sciences, in consultation with the Secretary, the North Pacific and Western Pacific Councils, communities and organizations participating in the program, participants in affected fisheries, and the affected States, shall submit to the Secretary of Commerce and Congress a comprehensive report on the performance and effectiveness of the community development quota programs under the authority of the North Pacific and Western Pacific Councils. The report shall—

(1) evaluate the extent to which such programs have met the objective of providing communities with the means to develop ongoing commercial fishing activities;

(2) evaluate the manner and extent to which such programs have resulted in the communities and residents—

(A) receiving employment opportunities in commercial fishing and processing; and

(B) obtaining the capital necessary to invest in commercial fishing, fish processing, and commercial fishing support projects (including infrastructure to support commercial fishing);

(3) evaluate the social and economic conditions in the participating communities and the extent to which alternative private sector employment opportunities exist;

(4) evaluate the economic impacts on participants in the affected fisheries, taking into account the condition of the fishery resource, the market, and other relevant factors;

(5) recommend a proposed schedule for accomplishing the developmental purposes of community development quotas; and

(6) address such other matters as the National Academy of Sciences deems appropriate.

(i) EXISTING QUOTA PLANS.—Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act shall be construed to require a reallocation of individual fishing quotas under any individual fishing quota program approved by the Secretary before January 4, 1995.

SEC. 109. ACTION BY THE SECRETARY.

(a) SECRETARIAL REVIEW OF PLANS AND REGULATIONS.—Section 304 (16 U.S.C. 1854) is

amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the following:

''(a) REVIEW OF PLANS.—

''(1) Upon transmittal by the Council to the Secretary of a fishery management plan or plan amendment, the Secretary shall—

''(A) immediately commence a review of the plan or amendment to determine whether it is consistent with the national standards, the other provisions of this Act, and any other applicable law; and

''(B) immediately publish in the Federal Register a notice stating that the plan or amendment is available and that written information, views, or comments of interested persons on the plan or amendment may be submitted to the Secretary during the 60-day period beginning on the date the notice is published.

''(2) In undertaking the review required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

''(A) take into account the information, views, and comments received from interested persons;

''(B) consult with the Secretary of State with respect to foreign fishing; and

''(C) consult with the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating with respect to enforcement at sea and to fishery access adjustments referred to in section 303(a)(6).

''(3) The Secretary shall approve, disapprove, or partially approve a plan or amendment within 30 days of the end of the comment period under paragraph (1) by written notice to the Council. A notice of disapproval or partial approval shall specify—

''(A) the applicable law with which the plan or amendment is inconsistent;

''(B) the nature of such inconsistencies; and

''(C) recommendations concerning the actions that could be taken by the Council to conform such plan or amendment to the requirements of applicable law.

If the Secretary does not notify a Council within 30 days of the end of the comment period of the approval, disapproval, or partial approval of a plan or amendment, then such plan or amendment shall take effect as if approved.

''(4) If the Secretary disapproves or partially approves a plan or amendment, the Council may submit a revised plan or amendment to the Secretary for review under this subsection.

''(5) For purposes of this subsection and subsection (b), the term 'immediately' means on or before the 5th day after the day on which a Council transmits to the Secretary a fishery management plan, plan amendment, or proposed regulation that the Council characterizes as final.

''(b) REVIEW OF REGULATIONS.—

''(1) Upon transmittal by the Council to the Secretary of proposed regulations prepared under section 303(c), the Secretary shall immediately initiate an evaluation of the proposed regulations to determine whether they are consistent with the fishery management plan, plan amendment, this Act and other applicable law. Within 15 days of initiating such evaluation the Secretary shall make a determination and—

''(A) if that determination is affirmative, the Secretary shall publish such regulations in the Federal Register, with such technical changes as may be necessary for clarity and an explanation of those changes, for a public comment period of 15 to 60 days; or

''(B) if that determination is negative, the Secretary shall notify the Council in writing of the inconsistencies and provide recommendations on revisions that would make the proposed regulations consistent with the fishery management plan, plan amendment, this Act, and other applicable law.

''(2) Upon receiving a notification under paragraph (1)(B), the Council may revise the proposed regulations and submit them to the Secretary for reevaluation under paragraph (1).

''(3) The Secretary shall promulgate final regulations within 30 days after the end of the comment period under paragraph (1)(A). The Secretary shall consult with the Council before making any revisions to the proposed regulations, and must publish in the Federal Register an explanation of any differences between the proposed and final regulations.''.

(b) PREPARATION BY THE SECRETARY.—Section 304(c) (16 U.S.C. 1854(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking the subsection heading and inserting ''PREPARATION AND REVIEW OF SECRETARIAL PLANS'';

(2) by striking ''or'' at the end of paragraph (1)(A);

(3) by striking all that follows ''further revised plan'' in paragraph (1) and inserting ''or amendment; or'';

(4) by inserting after subparagraph (1)(B), as amended, the following new subparagraph:

''(C) the Secretary is given authority to prepare such plan or amendment under this section.'';

(5) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting:

''(2) In preparing any plan or amendment under this subsection, the Secretary shall—

''(A) conduct public hearings, at appropriate times and locations in the geographical areas concerned, so as to allow interested persons an opportunity to be heard in the preparation and amendment of the plan and any regulations implementing the plan; and

''(B) consult with the Secretary of State with respect to foreign fishing and with the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating with respect to enforcement at sea.'';

(6) by inserting ''for a fishery under the authority of a Council'' after ''paragraph (1)'' in paragraph (3);

(7) by striking ''system described in section 303(b)(6)'' in paragraph (3) and inserting ''system, including any individual fishing quota program''; and

(8) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraphs:

''(4) Whenever the Secretary prepares a fishery management plan or plan amendment under this section, the Secretary shall immediately—

''(A) for a plan or amendment for a fishery under the authority of a Council, submit such plan or amendment to the appropriate Council for consideration and comment; and

''(B) publish in the Federal Register a notice stating that the plan or amendment is available and that written information, views, or comments of interested persons on the plan or amendment may be submitted to the Secretary during the 60-day period beginning on the date the notice is published.

''(5) Whenever a plan or amendment is submitted under paragraph (4)(A), the appropriate Council must submit its comments and recommendations, if any, regarding the plan or amendment to the Secretary before the close of the 60-day period referred to in paragraph (4)(B). After the close of such 60-day period, the Secretary, after taking into account any such comments and recommendations, as well as any views, information, or comments submitted under paragraph (4)(B), may adopt such plan or amendment.

''(6) The Secretary may propose regulations in the Federal Register to implement any plan or amendment prepared by the Secretary. In the case of a plan or amendment to which paragraph (4)(A) applies, such regulations shall be submitted to the Council with such plan or amendment. The comment period on proposed regulations shall be 60 days, except that the Secretary may shorten the comment period on minor revisions to existing regulations.

''(7) The Secretary shall promulgate final regulations within 30 days after the end of the comment period under paragraph (6). The Secretary must publish in the Federal Register an explanation of any substantive differences between the proposed and final rules. All final regulations must be consistent with the fishery management plan, with the national standards and other provisions of this Act, and with any other applicable law.''.

(c) INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTA AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA FEES.—Section 304(d) (16 U.S.C. 1854(d)) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''(1)'' immediately before the first sentence; and

(2) by inserting the at the end the following:

''(2)(A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Secretary is authorized and shall collect a fee to recover the actual costs directly related to the management and enforcement of any—

''(i) individual fishing quota program; and

''(ii) community development quota program that allocates a percentage of the total allowable catch of a fishery to such program.

''(B) Such fee shall not exceed 3 percent of the ex-vessel value of fish harvested under any such program, and shall be collected at either the time of the landing, filing of a landing report, or sale of such fish during a fishing season or in the last quarter of the calendar year in which the fish is harvested.

''(C)(i) Fees collected under this paragraph shall be in addition to any other fees charged under this Act and shall be deposited in the Limited Access System Administration Fund established under section 305(h)(5)(B), except that the portion of any such fees reserved under section 303(d)(4)(A) shall be deposited in the Treasury and available, subject to annual appropriations, to cover the costs of new direct loan obligations and new loan guarantee commitments as required by section 504(b)(1) of the Federal Credit Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 661c(b)(1)).

''(ii) Upon application by a State, the Secretary shall transfer to such State up to 33 percent of any fee collected pursuant to subparagraph (A) under a community development quota program and deposited in the Limited Access System Administration Fund in order to reimburse such State for actual costs directly incurred in the management and enforcement of such program.''.

(d) DELAY OF FEES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall not begin the collection of fees under section 304(d)(2) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by this Act, in the surf clam and ocean (including mahogany) quahog fishery or in the wreckfish fishery until after January 1, 2000.

(e) OVERFISHING.—Section 304(e) (16 U.S.C. 1854(e)) is amended to read as follows:

''(e) REBUILDING OVERFISHED FISHERIES.—

''(1) The Secretary shall report annually to the Congress and the Councils on the status of fisheries within each Council's geographical area of authority and identify those fisheries that are overfished or are approaching a condition of being overfished. For those fisheries managed under a fishery management plan or international agreement, the status shall be determined using the criteria for overfishing specified in such plan or agreement. A fishery shall be classified as approaching a condition of being overfished if, based on trends in fishing effort, fishery resource size, and other appropriate factors, the Secretary estimates that the fishery will become overfished within two years.

''(2) If the Secretary determines at any time that a fishery is overfished, the Secretary shall immediately notify the appropriate Council and request that action be taken to end overfishing in the fishery and to implement conservation and management measures to rebuild affected stocks of fish. The Secretary shall publish each notice under this paragraph in the Federal Register.

''(3) Within one year of an identification under paragraph (1) or notification under paragraphs (2) or (7), the appropriate Council (or the Secretary, for fisheries under section 302(a)(3)) shall prepare a fishery management plan, plan amendment, or proposed regulations for the fishery to which the identification or notice applies—

''(A) to end overfishing in the fishery and to rebuild affected stocks of fish; or

''(B) to prevent overfishing from occurring in the fishery whenever such fishery is identified as approaching an overfished condition.

''(4) For a fishery that is overfished, any fishery management plan, amendment, or proposed regulations prepared pursuant to paragraph (3) or paragraph (5) for such fishery shall—

''(A) specify a time period for ending overfishing and rebuilding the fishery that shall—

''(i) be as short as possible, taking into account the status and biology of any overfished stocks of fish, the needs of fishing communities, recommendations by international organizations in which the United States participates, and the interaction of the overfished stock of fish within the marine ecosystem; and

''(ii) not exceed 10 years, except in cases where the biology of the stock of fish, other environmental conditions, or management measures under an international agreement in which the United States participates dictate otherwise;

''(B) allocate both overfishing restrictions and recovery benefits fairly and equitably among sectors of the fishery; and

''(C) for fisheries managed under an international agreement, reflect traditional participation in the fishery, relative to other nations, by fishermen of the United States.

''(5) If, within the one-year period beginning on the date of identification or notification that a fishery is overfished, the Council does not submit to the Secretary a fishery management plan, plan amendment, or proposed regulations required by paragraph (3)(A), the Secretary shall prepare a fishery management plan or plan amendment and any accompanying regulations to stop overfishing and rebuild affected stocks of fish within 9 months under subsection (c).

''(6) During the development of a fishery management plan, a plan amendment, or proposed regulations required by this subsection, the Council may request the Secretary to implement interim measures to reduce overfishing under section 305(c) until such measures can be replaced by such plan, amendment, or regulations. Such measures, if otherwise in compliance with the provisions of this Act, may be implemented even though they are not sufficient by themselves to stop overfishing of a fishery.

''(7) The Secretary shall review any fishery management plan, plan amendment, or regulations required by this subsection at routine intervals that may not exceed two years. If the Secretary finds as a result of the review that such plan, amendment, or regulations have not resulted in adequate progress toward ending overfishing and rebuilding affected fish stocks, the Secretary shall—

''(A) in the case of a fishery to which section 302(a)(3) applies, immediately make revisions necessary to achieve adequate progress; or

''(B) for all other fisheries, immediately notify the appropriate Council. Such notification shall recommend further conservation and management measures which the Council should consider under paragraph (3) to achieve adequate progress.''.

(f) FISHERIES UNDER AUTHORITY OF MORE THAN ONE COUNCIL.—Section 304(f) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

(g) ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES.—Section 304 (16 U.S.C. 1854) is amended further by striking subsection (g) and inserting the following:

''(g) ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES.—(1) PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN OR PLAN AMENDMENT.—The Secretary shall prepare a fishery management plan or plan amendment under subsection (c) with respect to any highly migratory species fishery to which section 302(a)(3) applies. In preparing and implementing any such plan or amendment, the Secretary shall—

''(A) consult with and consider the comments and views of affected Councils, commissioners and advisory groups appointed under Acts implementing relevant international fishery agreements pertaining to highly migratory species, and the advisory panel established under section 302(g);

''(B) establish an advisory panel under section 302(g) for each fishery management plan to be prepared under this paragraph;

''(C) evaluate the likely effects, if any, of conservation and management measures on participants in the affected fisheries and minimize, to the extent practicable, any disadvantage to United States fishermen in relation to foreign competitors;

''(D) with respect to a highly migratory species for which the United States is authorized to harvest an allocation, quota, or at a fishing mortality level under a relevant international fishery agreement, provide fishing vessels of the United States with a reasonable opportunity to harvest such allocation, quota, or at such fishing mortality level;

''(E) review, on a continuing basis (and promptly whenever a recommendation pertaining to fishing for highly migratory species has been made under a relevant international fishery agreement), and revise as appropriate, the conservation and management measures included in the plan;

''(F) diligently pursue, through international entities (such as the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas), comparable international fishery management measures with respect to fishing for highly migratory species; and

''(G) ensure that conservation and management measures under this subsection—

''(i) promote international conservation of the affected fishery;

''(ii) take into consideration traditional fishing patterns of fishing vessels of the United States and the operating requirements of the fisheries;

''(iii) are fair and equitable in allocating fishing privileges among United States fishermen and do not have economic allocation as the sole purpose; and

''(iv) promote, to the extent practicable, implementation of scientific research programs that include the tagging and release of Atlantic highly migratory species.

''(2) CERTAIN FISH EXCLUDED FROM 'BYCATCH' DEFINITION.—Notwithstanding section 3(2), fish harvested in a commercial fishery managed by the Secretary under this subsection or the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971d) that are not regulatory discards and that are tagged and released alive under a scientific tagging and release program established by the Secretary shall not be considered bycatch for purposes of this Act.''.

(h) COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ATLANTIC PELAGIC LONGLINE FISHERY.—(1) The Secretary of Commerce shall—

(A) establish an advisory panel under section 302(g)(4) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by this Act, for pelagic longline fishing vessels that participate in fisheries for Atlantic highly migratory species;

(B) conduct surveys and workshops with affected fishery participants to provide information and identify options for future management programs;

(C) to the extent practicable and necessary for the evaluation of options for a comprehensive management system, recover vessel production records; and

(D) complete by January 1, 1998, a comprehensive study on the feasibility of implementing a comprehensive management system for pelagic longline fishing vessels that participate in fisheries for Atlantic highly migratory species, including, but not limited to, individual fishing quota programs and other limited access systems.

(2) Based on the study under paragraph (1)(D) and consistent with the requirements of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), in cooperation with affected participants in the fishery, the United States Commissioners on the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, and the advisory panel established under paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary of Commerce may, after October 1, 1998, implement a comprehensive management system pursuant to section 304 of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1854) for pelagic longline fishing vessels that participate in fisheries for Atlantic highly migratory species. Such a system may not implement an individual fishing quota program until after October 1, 2000.

(i) REPEAL OR REVOCATION OF A FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Section 304, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(h) REPEAL OR REVOCATION OF A FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The Secretary may repeal or revoke a fishery management plan for a fishery under the authority of a Council only if the Council approves the repeal or revocation by a three-quarters majority of the voting members of the Council.''.

(j) AMERICAN LOBSTER FISHERY.—Section 304(h) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by this Act, shall not apply to the American Lobster Fishery Management Plan.

SEC. 110. OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORITY.

(a) Section 305 (18 U.S.C. 1855) is amended—

(1) by striking the title and subsection (a);

(2) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (f); and

(3) by inserting the following before subsection (c):

''SEC. 305. OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORITY.

''(a) GEAR EVALUATION AND NOTIFICATION OF ENTRY.—

''(1) Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, a list of all fisheries—

''(A) under the authority of each Council and all fishing gear used in such fisheries, based on information submitted by the Councils under section 303(a); and

''(B) to which section 302(a)(3) applies and all fishing gear used in such fisheries.

''(2) The Secretary shall include with such list guidelines for determining when fishing

gear or a fishery is sufficiently different from those listed as to require notification under paragraph (3).

''(3) Effective 180 days after the publication of such list, no person or vessel may employ fishing gear or engage in a fishery not included on such list without giving 90 days advance written notice to the appropriate Council, or the Secretary with respect to a fishery to which section 302(a)(3) applies. A signed return receipt shall serve as adequate evidence of such notice and as the date upon which the 90-day period begins.

''(4) A Council may submit to the Secretary any proposed changes to such list or such guidelines the Council deems appropriate. The Secretary shall publish a revised list, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, upon receiving any such proposed changes from a Council.

''(5) A Council may request the Secretary to promulgate emergency regulations under subsection (c) to prohibit any persons or vessels from using an unlisted fishing gear or engaging in an unlisted fishery if the appropriate Council, or the Secretary for fisheries to which section 302(a)(3) applies, determines that such unlisted gear or unlisted fishery would compromise the effectiveness of conservation and management efforts under this Act.

''(6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to permit a person or vessel to engage in fishing or employ fishing gear when such fishing or gear is prohibited or restricted by regulation under a fishery management plan or plan amendment, or under other applicable law.

''(b) FISH HABITAT.—(1)(A) The Secretary shall, within 6 months of the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, establish by regulation guidelines to assist the Councils in the description and identification of essential fish habitat in fishery management plans (including adverse impacts on such habitat) and in the consideration of actions to ensure the conservation and enhancement of such habitat. The Secretary shall set forth a schedule for the amendment of fishery management plans to include the identification of essential fish habitat and for the review and updating of such identifications based on new scientific evidence or other relevant information.

''(B) The Secretary, in consultation with participants in the fishery, shall provide each Council with recommendations and information regarding each fishery under that Council's authority to assist it in the identification of essential fish habitat, the adverse impacts on that habitat, and the actions that should be considered to ensure the conservation and enhancement of that habitat.

''(C) The Secretary shall review programs administered by the Department of Commerce and ensure that any relevant programs further the conservation and enhancement of essential fish habitat.

''(D) The Secretary shall coordinate with and provide information to other Federal agencies to further the conservation and enhancement of essential fish habitat.

''(2) Each Federal agency shall consult with the Secretary with respect to any action authorized, funded, or undertaken, or proposed to be authorized, funded, or undertaken, by such agency that may adversely affect any essential fish habitat identified under this Act.

''(3) Each Council—

''(A) may comment on and make recommendations to the Secretary and any Federal or State agency concerning any activity authorized, funded, or undertaken, or proposed to be authorized, funded, or undertaken, by any Federal or State agency that, in the view of the Council, may affect the habitat, including essential fish habitat, of a fishery resource under its authority; and

''(B) shall comment on and make recommendations to the Secretary and any Federal or State agency concerning any such activity that, in the view of the Council, is likely to substantially affect the habitat, including essential fish habitat, of an anadromous fishery resource under its authority.

''(4)(A) If the Secretary receives information from a Council or Federal or State agency or determines from other sources that an action authorized, funded, or undertaken, or proposed to be authorized, funded, or undertaken, by any State or Federal agency would adversely affect any essential fish habitat identified under this Act, the Secretary shall recommend to such agency measures that can be taken by such agency to conserve such habitat.

''(B) Within 30 days after receiving a recommendation under subparagraph (A), a Federal agency shall provide a detailed response in writing to any Council commenting under paragraph (3) and the Secretary regarding the matter. The response shall include a description of measures proposed by the agency for avoiding, mitigating, or offsetting the impact of the activity on such habitat. In the case of a response that is inconsistent with the recommendations of the Secretary, the Federal agency shall explain its reasons for not following the recommendations.''.

(b) Section 305(c) (16 U.S.C. 1855(c) is amended—

(1) in the heading by striking ''ACTIONS'' and inserting ''ACTIONS AND INTERIM MEASURES'';

(2) in paragraphs (1) and (2)—

(A) by striking ''involving'' and inserting ''or that interim measures are needed to reduce overfishing for''; and

(B) by inserting ''or interim measures'' after ''emergency regulations''; and

(C) by inserting ''or overfishing'' after ''emergency''; and

(3) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by inserting ''or interim measure'' after ''emergency regulation'' each place such term appears;

(B) by striking subparagraph (B);

(C) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (D); and

(D) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

''(B) shall, except as provided in subparagraph (C), remain in effect for not more than 180 days after the date of publication, and may be extended by publication in the Federal Register for one additional period of not more than 180 days, provided the public has had an opportunity to comment on the emergency regulation or interim measure, and, in the case of a Council recommendation for emergency regulations or interim measures, the Council is actively preparing a fishery management plan, plan amendment, or proposed regulations to address the emergency or overfishing on a permanent basis;

''(C) that responds to a public health emergency or an oil spill may remain in effect until the circumstances that created the emergency no longer exist, provided that the public has an opportunity to comment after the regulation is published, and, in the case of a public health emergency, the Secretary of Health and Human Services concurs with the Secretary's action; and''.

(c) Section 305(e) is amended—

(1) by striking ''12291, dated February 17, 1981,'' and inserting ''12866, dated September 30, 1993,''; and

(2) by striking ''subsection (c) or section 304(a) and (b)'' and inserting ''subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 304''.

(d) Section 305, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(g) NEGOTIATED CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES.—

''(1)(A) In accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary pursuant to this paragraph, a Council may establish a fishery negotiation panel to assist in the development of specific conservation and management measures for a fishery under its authority. The Secretary may establish a fishery negotiation panel to assist in the development of specific conservation and management measures required for a fishery under section 304(e)(5), for a fishery for which the Secretary has authority under section 304(g), or for any other fishery with the approval of the appropriate Council.

''(B) No later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations establishing procedures, developed in cooperation with the Administrative Conference of the United States, for the establishment and operation of fishery negotiation panels. Such procedures shall be comparable to the procedures for negotiated rulemaking established by subchapter III of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code.

''(2) If a negotiation panel submits a report, such report shall specify all the areas where consensus was reached by the panel, including, if appropriate, proposed conservation and management measures, as well as any other information submitted by members of the negotiation panel. Upon receipt, the Secretary shall publish such report in the Federal Register for public comment.

''(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require either a Council or the Secretary, whichever is appropriate, to use all or any portion of a report from a negotiation panel established under this subsection in the development of specific conservation and management measures for the fishery for which the panel was established.

''(h) CENTRAL REGISTRY SYSTEM FOR LIMITED ACCESS SYSTEM PERMITS.—

''(1) Within 6 months after the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, the Secretary shall establish an exclusive central registry system (which may be administered on a regional basis) for limited access system permits established under section 303(b)(6) or other Federal law, including individual fishing quotas, which shall provide for the registration of title to, and interests in, such permits, as well as for procedures for changes in the registration of title to such permits upon the occurrence of involuntary transfers, judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure of interests, enforcement of judgments thereon, and related matters deemed appropriate by the Secretary. Such registry system shall—

''(A) provide a mechanism for filing notice of a nonjudicial foreclosure or enforcement of a judgment by which the holder of a senior security interest acquires or conveys ownership of a permit, and in the event of a nonjudicial foreclosure, by which the interests of the holders of junior security interests are released when the permit is transferred;

''(B) provide for public access to the information filed under such system, notwithstanding section 402(b); and

''(C) provide such notice and other requirements of applicable law that the Secretary deems necessary for an effective registry system.

''(2) The Secretary shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this subsection, after consulting with the Councils and providing an opportunity for public comment. The Secretary is authorized to contract with non-federal entities to administer the central registry system.

''(3) To be effective and perfected against any person except the transferor, its heirs

and devisees, and persons having actual notice thereof, all security interests, and all sales and other transfers of permits described in paragraph (1), shall be registered in compliance with the regulations promulgated under paragraph (2). Such registration shall constitute the exclusive means of perfection of title to, and security interests in, such permits, except for federal tax liens thereon, which shall be perfected exclusively in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.). The Secretary shall notify both the buyer and seller of a permit if a lien has been filed by the Secretary of Treasury against the permit before collecting any transfer fee under paragraph (5) of this subsection.

''(4) The priority of security interests shall be determined in order of filing, the first filed having the highest priority. A validly-filed security interest shall remain valid and perfected notwithstanding a change in residence or place of business of the owner of record. For the purposes of this subsection, 'security interest' shall include security interests, assignments, liens and other encumbrances of whatever kind.

''(5)(A) Notwithstanding section 304(d)(1), the Secretary shall collect a reasonable fee of not more than one-half of one percent of the value of a limited access system permit upon registration of the title to such permit with the central registry system and upon the transfer of such registered title. Any such fee collected shall be deposited in the Limited Access System Administration Fund established under subparagraph (B).

''(B) There is established in the Treasury a Limited Access System Administration Fund. The Fund shall be available, without appropriation or fiscal year limitation, only to the Secretary for the purposes of—

''(i) administering the central registry system; and

''(ii) administering and implementing this Act in the fishery in which the fees were collected. Sums in the Fund that are not currently needed for these purposes shall be kept on deposit or invested in obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States.''.

(e) REGISTRY TRANSITION.—Security interests on permits described under section 305(h)(1) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by this Act, that are effective and perfected by otherwise applicable law on the date of the final regulations implementing section 305(h) shall remain effective and perfected if, within 120 days after such date, the secured party submits evidence satisfactory to the Secretary of Commerce and in compliance with such regulations of the perfection of such security.

SEC. 111. PACIFIC COMMUNITY FISHERIES.

(a) HAROLD SPARCK MEMORIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA PROGRAM.—Section 305, as amended, is amended further by adding at the end:

''(i) ALASKA AND WESTERN PACIFIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.—

''(1)(A) The North Pacific Council and the Secretary shall establish a western Alaska community development quota program under which a percentage of the total allowable catch of any Bering Sea fishery is allocated to the program.

''(B) To be eligible to participate in the western Alaska community development quota program under subparagraph (A) a community shall—

''(i) be located within 50 nautical miles from the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured along the Bering Sea coast from the Bering Strait to the western most of the Aleutian Islands, or on an island within the Bering Sea;

''(ii) not be located on the Gulf of Alaska coast of the north Pacific Ocean;

''(iii) meet criteria developed by the Governor of Alaska, approved by the Secretary, and published in the Federal Register;

''(iv) be certified by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) to be a Native village;

''(v) consist of residents who conduct more than one-half of their current commercial or subsistence fishing effort in the waters of the Bering Sea or waters surrounding the Aleutian Islands; and

''(vi) not have previously developed harvesting or processing capability sufficient to support substantial participation in the groundfish fisheries in the Bering Sea, unless the community can show that the benefits from an approved Community Development Plan would be the only way for the community to realize a return from previous investments.

''(C)(i) Prior to October 1, 2001, the North Pacific Council may not submit to the Secretary any fishery management plan, plan amendment, or regulation that allocates to the western Alaska community development quota program a percentage of the total allowable catch of any Bering Sea fishery for which, prior to October 1, 1995, the Council had not approved a percentage of the total allowable catch for allocation to such community development quota program. The expiration of any plan, amendment, or regulation that meets the requirements of clause (ii) prior to October 1, 2001, shall not be construed to prohibit the Council from submitting a revision or extension of such plan, amendment, or regulation to the Secretary if such revision or extension complies with the other requirements of this paragraph.

''(ii) With respect to a fishery management plan, plan amendment, or regulation for a Bering Sea fishery that—

''(I) allocates to the western Alaska community development quota program a percentage of the total allowable catch of such fishery; and

''(II) was approved by the North Pacific Council prior to October 1, 1995;

the Secretary shall, except as provided in clause (iii) and after approval of such plan, amendment, or regulation under section 304, allocate to the program the percentage of the total allowable catch described in such plan, amendment, or regulation. Prior to October 1, 2001, the percentage submitted by the Council and approved by the Secretary for any such plan, amendment, or regulation shall be no greater than the percentage approved by the Council for such fishery prior to October 1, 1995.

''(iii) The Secretary shall phase in the percentage for community development quotas approved in 1995 by the North Pacific Council for the Bering Sea crab fisheries as follows:

''(I) 3.5 percent of the total allowable catch of each such fishery for 1998 shall be allocated to the western Alaska community development quota program;

''(II) 5 percent of the total allowable catch of each such fishery for 1999 shall be allocated to the western Alaska community development quota program; and

''(III) 7.5 percent of the total allowable catch of each such fishery for 2000 and thereafter shall be allocated to the western Alaska community development quota program, unless the North Pacific Council submits and the Secretary approves a percentage that is no greater than 7.5 percent of the total allowable catch of each such fishery for 2001 or the North Pacific Council submits and the Secretary approves any other percentage on or after October 1, 2001.

''(D) This paragraph shall not be construed to require the North Pacific Council to resubmit, or the Secretary to reapprove, any fishery management plan or plan amendment approved by the North Pacific Council prior to October 1, 1995, that includes a community development quota program, or any regulations to implement such plan or amendment.

''(2)(A) The Western Pacific Council and the Secretary may establish a western Pacific community development program for any fishery under the authority of such Council in order to provide access to such fishery for western Pacific communities that participate in the program.

''(B) To be eligible to participate in the western Pacific community development program, a community shall—

''(i) be located within the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Area;

''(ii) meet criteria developed by the Western Pacific Council, approved by the Secretary and published in the Federal Register;

''(iii) consist of community residents who are descended from the aboriginal people indigenous to the area who conducted commercial or subsistence fishing using traditional fishing practices in the waters of the Western Pacific region;

''(iv) not have previously developed harvesting or processing capability sufficient to support substantial participation in fisheries in the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Area; and

''(v) develop and submit a Community Development Plan to the Western Pacific Council and the Secretary.

''(C) In developing the criteria for eligible communities under subparagraph (B)(ii), the Western Pacific Council shall base such criteria on traditional fishing practices in or dependence on the fishery, the cultural and social framework relevant to the fishery, and economic barriers to access to the fishery.

''(D) For the purposes of this subsection 'Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Area' means the area under the jurisdiction of the Western Pacific Council, or an island within such area.

''(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Western Pacific Council shall take into account traditional indigenous fishing practices in preparing any fishery management plan.

''(3) The Secretary shall deduct from any fees collected from a community development quota program under section 304(d)(2) the costs incurred by participants in the program for observer and reporting requirements which are in addition to observer and reporting requirements of other participants in the fishery in which the allocation to such program has been made.

''(4) After the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, the North Pacific Council and Western Pacific Council may not submit to the Secretary a community development quota program that is not in compliance with this subsection.''.

(b) WESTERN PACIFIC DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—(1) The Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior are authorized to make direct grants to eligible western Pacific communities, as recommended by the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, for the purpose of establishing not less than three and not more than five fishery demonstration projects to foster and promote traditional indigenous fishing practices. The total amount of grants awarded under this subsection shall not exceed $500,000 in each fiscal year.

(2) Demonstration projects funded pursuant to this subsection shall foster and promote the involvement of western Pacific communities in western Pacific fisheries and may—

(A) identify and apply traditional indigenous fishing practices;

(B) develop or enhance western Pacific community-based fishing opportunities; and

(C) involve research, community education, or the acquisition of materials and equipment necessary to carry out any such demonstration project.

(3)(A) The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, shall establish an advisory panel under section 302(g) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852(g)) to evaluate, determine the relative merits of, and annually rank applications for such grants. The panel shall consist of not more than 8 individuals who are knowledgeable or experienced in traditional indigenous fishery practices of western Pacific communities and who are not members or employees of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council.

(B) If the Secretary of Commerce or the Secretary of the Interior awards a grant for a demonstration project not in accordance with the rank given to such project by the advisory panel, the Secretary shall provide a detailed written explanation of the reasons therefor.

(4) The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council shall, with the assistance of such advisory panel, submit an annual report to the Congress assessing the status and progress of demonstration projects carried out under this subsection.

(5) Appropriate Federal agencies may provide technical assistance to western Pacific community-based entities to assist in carrying out demonstration projects under this subsection.

(6) For the purposes of this subsection, 'western Pacific community' shall mean a community eligible to participate under section 305(i)(2)(B) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by this Act.

SEC. 112. STATE JURISDICTION.

(a) Paragraph (3) of section 306(a) (16 U.S.C. 1856(a)) is amended to read as follows:

''(3) A State may regulate a fishing vessel outside the boundaries of the State in the following circumstances:

''(A) The fishing vessel is registered under the law of that State, and (i) there is no fishery management plan or other applicable federal fishing regulations for the fishery in which the vessel is operating; or (ii) the State's laws and regulations are consistent with the fishery management plan and applicable federal fishing regulations for the fishery in which the vessel is operating.

''(B) The fishery management plan for the fishery in which the fishing vessel is operating delegates management of the fishery to a State and the State's laws and regulations are consistent with such fishery management plan. If at any time the Secretary determines that a State law or regulation applicable to a fishing vessel under this circumstance is not consistent with the fishery management plan, the Secretary shall promptly notify the State and the appropriate Council of such determination and provide an opportunity for the State to correct any inconsistencies identified in the notification. If, after notice and opportunity for corrective action, the State does not correct the inconsistencies identified by the Secretary, the authority granted to the State under this subparagraph shall not apply until the Secretary and the appropriate Council find that the State has corrected the inconsistencies. For a fishery for which there was a fishery management plan in place on August 1, 1996 that did not delegate management of the fishery to a State as of that date, the authority provided by this subparagraph applies only if the Council approves the delegation of management of the fishery to the State by a three-quarters majority vote of the voting members of the Council.

''(C) The fishing vessel is not registered under the law of the State of Alaska and is operating in a fishery in the exclusive economic zone off Alaska for which there was no fishery management plan in place on August 1, 1996, and the Secretary and the North Pacific Council find that there is a legitimate interest of the State of Alaska in the conservation and management of such fishery. The authority provided under this subparagraph shall terminate when a fishery management plan under this Act is approved and implemented for such fishery.''.

(b) Section 306(b) (16 U.S.C. 1856(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(3) If the State involved requests that a hearing be held pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary shall conduct such hearing prior to taking any action under paragraph (1).''.

(c) Section 306(c)(1) (16 U.S.C. 1856(c)(1)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''(4)(C); and'' in subparagraph (A) and inserting ''(4)(C) or has received a permit under section 204(d);'';

(2) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting a semicolon and the word ''and''; and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

''(C) the owner or operator of the vessel submits reports on the tonnage of fish received from vessels of the United States and the locations from which such fish were harvested, in accordance with such procedures as the Secretary by regulation shall prescribe.''.

(d) INTERIM AUTHORITY FOR DUNGENESS CRAB.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this subsection and notwithstanding section 306(a) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1856(a)), the States of Washington, Oregon, and California may each enforce State laws and regulations governing fish harvesting and processing against any vessel operating in the exclusive economic zone off each respective State in a fishery for Dungeness crab (Cancer magister) for which there is no fishery management plan implemented under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.).

(2) Any law or regulation promulgated under this subsection shall apply equally to vessels operating in the exclusive economic zone and adjacent State waters and shall be limited to—

(A) establishment of season opening and closing dates, including presoak dates for crab pots;

(B) setting of minimum sizes and crab meat recovery rates;

(C) restrictions on the retention of crab of a certain sex; and

(D) closure of areas or pot limitations to meet the harvest requirements arising under the jurisdiction of United States v. Washington, subproceeding 89-3.

(3) With respect to the States of Washington, Oregon, and California—

(A) any State law limiting entry to a fishery subject to regulation under this subsection may not be enforced against a vessel that is operating in the exclusive economic zone off that State and is not registered under the law of that State, if the vessel is otherwise legally fishing in the exclusive economic zone, except that State laws regulating landings may be enforced; and

(B) no vessel may harvest or process fish which is subject to regulation under this subsection unless under an appropriate State permit or pursuant to a Federal court order.

(4) The authority provided under this subsection to regulate the Dungeness crab fishery shall terminate on October 1, 1999, or when a fishery management plan is implemented under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) for such fishery, whichever date is earlier.

(5) Nothing in this subsection shall reduce the authority of any State, as such authority existed on July 1, 1996, to regulate fishing, fish processing, or landing of fish.

(6)(A) It is the sense of Congress that the Pacific Fishery Management Council, at the earliest practicable date, should develop and submit to the Secretary fishery management plans for shellfish fisheries conducted in the geographic area of authority of the Council, especially Dungeness crab, which are not subject to a fishery management plan on the date of enactment of this Act.

(B) Not later than December 1, 1997, the Pacific Fishery Management Council shall provide a report to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives describing the progress in developing the fishery management plans referred to in subparagraph (A) and any impediments to such progress.

SEC. 113. PROHIBITED ACTS.

(a) Section 307(1)(J)(i) (16 U.S.C. 1857(1)(J)(i)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''plan,'' and inserting ''plan''; and

(2) by inserting before the semicolon the following: '', or in the absence of any such plan, is smaller than the minimum possession size in effect at the time under a coastal fishery management plan for American lobster adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission under the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (16 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.)''.

(b) Section 307(1)(K) (16 U.S.C. 1857(1)(K)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''knowingly steal or without authorization, to'' and inserting ''to steal or attempt to steal or to negligently and without authorization''; and

(2) by striking ''gear, or attempt to do so;'' and insert ''gear;''.

(c) Section 307(1)(L) (16 U.S.C. 1857(1)(L)) is amended to read as follows:

''(L) to forcibly assault, resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, sexually harass, bribe, or interfere with any observer on a vessel under this Act, or any data collector employed by the National Marine Fisheries Service or under contract to any person to carry out responsibilities under this Act;''.

(d) Section 307(1) (16 U.S.C. 1857(1)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''or'' at the end of subparagraph (M);

(2) by striking ''pollock.'' in subparagraph (N) and inserting ''pollock; or''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

''(O) to knowingly and willfully fail to disclose, or to falsely disclose, any financial interest as required under section 302(j), or to knowingly vote on a Council decision in violation of section 302(j)(7)(A).''.

(e) Section 307(2)(A) (16 U.S.C. 1857(2)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

''(A) in fishing within the boundaries of any State, except—

''(i) recreational fishing permitted under section 201(i);

''(ii) fish processing permitted under section 306(c); or

''(iii) transshipment at sea of fish or fish products within the boundaries of any State in accordance with a permit approved under section 204(d);''.

(f) Section 307(2)(B) (16 U.S.C. 1857(2)(B)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''(j)'' and inserting ''(i)''; and

(2) by striking ''204(b) or (c)'' and inserting ''204(b), (c), or (d)''.

(g) Section 307(3) (16 U.S.C. 1857(3)) is amended to read as follows:

''(3) for any vessel of the United States, and for the owner or operator of any vessel of the United States, to transfer at sea directly or indirectly, or attempt to so transfer at sea, any United States harvested fish to any foreign fishing vessel, while such foreign vessel is within the exclusive economic zone or within the boundaries of any State except to the extent that the foreign fishing vessel has been permitted under section 204(d) or section 306(c) to receive such fish;''.

(h) Section 307(4) (16 U.S.C. 1857(4)) is amended by inserting ''or within the boundaries of any State'' after ''zone''.

SEC. 114. CIVIL PENALTIES AND PERMIT SANCTIONS; REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTIONS.

(a) Section 308(a) (16 U.S.C. 1858(a)) is amended by striking ''ability to pay,'' and adding at the end the following new sentence: ''In assessing such penalty the Secretary may also consider any information provided by the violator relating to the ability of the violator to pay, provided that the information is served on the Secretary at least 30 days prior to an administrative hearing.''.

(b) The first sentence of section 308(b) (16 U.S.C. 1858(b)) is amended to read as follows: ''Any person against whom a civil penalty is assessed under subsection (a) or against whom a permit sanction is imposed under subsection (g) (other than a permit suspension for nonpayment of penalty or fine) may obtain review thereof in the United States district court for the appropriate district by filing a complaint against the Secretary in such court within 30 days from the date of such order.''.

(c) Section 308(g)(1)(C) (16 U.S.C. 1858(g)(1)(C)) is amended by striking the matter from ''or (C) any'' through ''overdue,'' and inserting the following: ''(C) any amount in settlement of a civil forfeiture imposed on a vessel or other property, or any civil penalty or criminal fine imposed on a vessel or owner or operator of a vessel or any other person who has been issued or has applied for a permit under any marine resource law enforced by the Secretary has not been paid and is overdue, or (D) any payment required for observer services provided to or contracted by an owner or operator who has been issued a permit or applied for a permit under any marine resource law administered by the Secretary has not been paid and is overdue,''.

(d) Section 310(e) (16 U.S.C. 1860(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(3) For purposes of this Act, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that any vessel that is shoreward of the outer boundary of the exclusive economic zone of the United States or beyond the exclusive economic zone of any nation, and that has gear on board that is capable of use for large-scale driftnet fishing, is engaged in such fishing.''.

SEC. 115. ENFORCEMENT.

(a) The second sentence of section 311(d) (16 U.S.C. 1861(d)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''Guam, any Commonwealth, territory, or'' and inserting ''Guam or any''; and

(2) by inserting a comma before the period and the following: ''and except that in the case of the Northern Mariana Islands, the appropriate court is the United States District Court for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands''.

(b) Section 311(e)(1) (16 U.S.C. 1861(e)(1)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''fishery'' each place it appears and inserting ''marine'';

(2) by inserting ''of not less than 20 percent of the penalty collected or $20,000, whichever is the lesser amount,'' after ''reward'' in subparagraph (B), and

(3) by striking subparagraph (E) and inserting the following:

''(E) claims of parties in interest to property disposed of under section 612(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1612(b)), as made applicable by section 310(c) of this Act or by any other marine resource law enforced by the Secretary, to seizures made by the Secretary, in amounts determined by the Secretary to be applicable to such claims at the time of seizure; and''.

(c) Section 311(e)(2) (16 U.S.C. 1861(e)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

''(2) Any person found in an administrative or judicial proceeding to have violated this Act or any other marine resource law enforced by the Secretary shall be liable for the cost incurred in the sale, storage, care, and maintenance of any fish or other property lawfully seized in connection with the violation.''.

(d) Section 311 (16 U.S.C. 1861) is amended by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (h) , and by inserting the following after subsection (f):

''(g) ENFORCEMENT IN THE PACIFIC INSULAR AREAS.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Governors of the Pacific Insular Areas and the Western Pacific Council, shall to the extent practicable support cooperative enforcement agreements between Federal and Pacific Insular Area authorities.''.

(e) Section 311 (16 U.S.C. 1861), as amended by subsection (d), is amended by striking ''201(b), (c),'' in subsection (i)(1), as redesignated, and inserting ''201(b) or (c), or section 204(d),''.

SEC. 116. TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES.

(a) Section 312 is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 312. TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES.

''(a) FISHERIES DISASTER RELIEF.—(1) At the discretion of the Secretary or at the request of the Governor of an affected State or a fishing community, the Secretary shall determine whether there is a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster as a result of—

''(A) natural causes;

''(B) man-made causes beyond the control of fishery managers to mitigate through conservation and management measures; or

''(C) undetermined causes.

''(2) Upon the determination under paragraph (1) that there is a commercial fishery failure, the Secretary is authorized to make sums available to be used by the affected State, fishing community, or by the Secretary in cooperation with the affected State or fishing community for assessing the economic and social effects of the commercial fishery failure, or any activity that the Secretary determines is appropriate to restore the fishery or prevent a similar failure in the future and to assist a fishing community affected by such failure. Before making funds available for an activity authorized under this section, the Secretary shall make a determination that such activity will not expand the size or scope of the commercial fishery failure in that fishery or into other fisheries or other geographic regions.

''(3) The Federal share of the cost of any activity carried out under the authority of this subsection shall not exceed 75 percent of the cost of that activity.

''(4) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as are necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999.

''(b) FISHING CAPACITY REDUCTION PROGRAM.—(1) The Secretary, at the request of the appropriate Council for fisheries under the authority of such Council, or the Governor of a State for fisheries under State authority, may conduct a fishing capacity reduction program (referred to in this section as the 'program') in a fishery if the Secretary determines that the program—

''(A) is necessary to prevent or end overfishing, rebuild stocks of fish, or achieve measurable and significant improvements in the conservation and management of the fishery;

''(B) is consistent with the federal or State fishery management plan or program in effect for such fishery, as appropriate, and that the fishery management plan—

''(i) will prevent the replacement of fishing capacity removed by the program through a moratorium on new entrants, restrictions on vessel upgrades, and other effort control measures, taking into account the full potential fishing capacity of the fleet; and

''(ii) establishes a specified or target total allowable catch or other measures that trigger closure of the fishery or adjustments to reduce catch; and

''(C) is cost-effective and capable of repaying any debt obligation incurred under section 1111 of title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936.

''(2) The objective of the program shall be to obtain the maximum sustained reduction in fishing capacity at the least cost and in a minimum period of time. To achieve that objective, the Secretary is authorized to pay—

''(A) the owner of a fishing vessel, if such vessel is (i) scrapped, or (ii) through the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, subjected to title restrictions that permanently prohibit and effectively prevent its use in fishing, and if the permit authorizing the participation of the vessel in the fishery is surrendered for permanent revocation and the owner relinquishes any claim associated with the vessel and permit that could qualify such owner for any present or future limited access system permit in the fishery for which the program is established; or

''(B) the holder of a permit authorizing participation in the fishery, if such permit is surrendered for permanent revocation, and such holder relinquishes any claim associated with the permit and vessel used to harvest fishery resources under the permit that could qualify such holder for any present or future limited access system permit in the fishery for which the program was established.

''(3) Participation in the program shall be voluntary, but the Secretary shall ensure compliance by all who do participate.

''(4) The Secretary shall consult, as appropriate, with Councils, Federal agencies, State and regional authorities, affected fishing communities, participants in the fishery, conservation organizations, and other interested parties throughout the development and implementation of any program under this section.

''(c) PROGRAM FUNDING.—(1) The program may be funded by any combination of amounts—

''(A) available under clause (iv) of section 2(b)(1)(A) of the Act of August 11, 1939 (15 U.S.C. 713c-3(b)(1)(A); the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act);

''(B) appropriated for the purposes of this section;

''(C) provided by an industry fee system established under subsection (d) and in accordance with section 1111 of title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936; or

''(D) provided from any State or other public sources or private or non-profit organizations.

''(2) All funds for the program, including any fees established under subsection (d), shall be paid into the fishing capacity reduction fund established under section 1111 of title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936.

''(d) INDUSTRY FEE SYSTEM.—(1)(A) If an industry fee system is necessary to fund the program, the Secretary, at the request of the appropriate Council, may conduct a referendum on such system. Prior to the referendum, the Secretary, in consultation with the Council, shall—

''(i) identify, to the extent practicable, and notify all permit or vessel owners who would be affected by the program; and

''(ii) make available to such owners information about the industry fee system describing the schedule, procedures, and eligibility requirements for the referendum, the proposed program, and the amount and duration and any other terms and conditions of the proposed fee system.

''(B) The industry fee system shall be considered approved if the referendum votes which are cast in favor of the proposed system constitute a two-thirds majority of the participants voting.

''(2) Notwithstanding section 304(d) and consistent with an approved industry fee system, the Secretary is authorized to establish such a system to fund the program and repay debt obligations incurred pursuant to section 1111 of title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936. The fees for a program established under this section shall—

''(A) be determined by the Secretary and adjusted from time to time as the Secretary considers necessary to ensure the availability of sufficient funds to repay such debt obligations;

''(B) not exceed 5 percent of the ex-vessel value of all fish harvested from the fishery for which the program is established;

''(C) be deducted by the first ex-vessel fish purchaser from the proceeds otherwise payable to the seller and accounted for and forwarded by such fish purchasers to the Secretary in such manner as the Secretary may establish; and

''(D) be in effect only until such time as the debt obligation has been fully paid.

''(e) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—(1) The Secretary, in consultation with the appropriate Council or State and other interested parties, shall prepare and publish in the Federal Register for a 60-day public comment period an implementation plan, including proposed regulations, for each program. The implementation plan shall—

''(A) define criteria for determining types and numbers of vessels which are eligible for participation in the program taking into account characteristics of the fishery, the requirements of applicable fishery management plans, the needs of fishing communities, and the need to minimize program costs; and

''(B) establish procedures for program participation (such as submission of owner bid under an auction system or fair market-value assessment) including any terms and conditions for participation which the Secretary deems to be reasonably necessary to meet the goals of the program.

''(2) During the 60-day public comment period—

''(A) the Secretary shall conduct a public hearing in each State affected by the program; and

''(B) the appropriate Council or State shall submit its comments and recommendations, if any, regarding the plan and regulations.

''(3) Within 45 days after the close of the public comment period, the Secretary, in consultation with the appropriate Council or State, shall analyze the public comment received and publish in the Federal Register a final implementation plan for the program and regulations for its implementation. The Secretary may not adopt a final implementation plan involving industry fees or debt obligation unless an industry fee system has been approved by a referendum under this section.''.

(b) STUDY OF FEDERAL INVESTMENT.—The Secretary of Commerce shall establish a task force comprised of interested parties to study and report to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives within 2 years of the date of enactment of this Act on the role of the Federal Government in—

(1) subsidizing the expansion and contraction of fishing capacity in fishing fleets managed under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.); and

(2) otherwise influencing the aggregate capital investments in fisheries.

(c) Section 2(b)(1)(A) of the Act of August 11, 1939 (15 U.S.C. 713c3(b)(1)(A)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of clause (ii);

(2) by striking the period at the end of clause (iii) and inserting a semicolon and the word ''and''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new clause:

''(iv) to fund the Federal share of a fishing capacity reduction program established under section 312 of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and''.

SEC. 117. NORTH PACIFIC AND NORTHWEST ATLANTIC OCEAN FISHERIES.

(a) NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES CONSERVATION.—Section 313 (16 U.S.C. 1862) is amended—

(1) by striking ''RESEARCH PLAN'' in the section heading and inserting ''CONSERVATION'';

(2) in subsection (a) by striking ''North Pacific Fishery Management Council'' and inserting ''North Pacific Council''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

''(f) BYCATCH REDUCTION.—In implementing section 303(a)(11) and this section, the North Pacific Council shall submit conservation and management measures to lower, on an annual basis for a period of not less than four years, the total amount of economic discards occurring in the fisheries under its jurisdiction.

''(g) BYCATCH REDUCTION INCENTIVES.—(1) Notwithstanding section 304(d), the North Pacific Council may submit, and the Secretary may approve, consistent with the provisions of this Act, a system of fines in a fishery to provide incentives to reduce bycatch and bycatch rates; except that such fines shall not exceed $25,000 per vessel per season. Any fines collected shall be deposited in the North Pacific Fishery Observer Fund, and may be made available by the Secretary to offset costs related to the reduction of bycatch in the fishery from which such fines were derived, including conservation and management measures and research, and to the State of Alaska to offset costs incurred by the State in the fishery from which such penalties were derived or in fisheries in which the State is directly involved in management or enforcement and which are directly affected by the fishery from which such penalties were derived.

''(2)(A) Notwithstanding section 303(d), and in addition to the authority provided in section 303(b)(10), the North Pacific Council may submit, and the Secretary may approve, conservation and management measures which provide allocations of regulatory discards to individual fishing vessels as an incentive to reduce per vessel bycatch and bycatch rates in a fishery, provided that—

''(i) such allocations may not be transferred for monetary consideration and are made only on an annual basis; and

''(ii) any such conservation and management measures will meet the requirements of subsection (h) and will result in an actual reduction in regulatory discards in the fishery.

''(B) The North Pacific Council may submit restrictions in addition to the restriction imposed by clause (i) of subparagraph (A) on the transferability of any such allocations, and the Secretary may approve such recommendation.

''(h) CATCH MEASUREMENT.—(1) By June 1, 1997 the North Pacific Council shall submit, and the Secretary may approve, consistent with the other provisions of this Act, conservation and management measures to ensure total catch measurement in each fishery under the jurisdiction of such Council. Such measures shall ensure the accurate enumeration, at a minimum, of target species, economic discards, and regulatory discards.

''(2) To the extent the measures submitted under paragraph (1) do not require United States fish processors and fish processing vessels (as defined in chapter 21 of title 46, United States Code) to weigh fish, the North Pacific Council and the Secretary shall submit a plan to the Congress by January 1, 1998, to allow for weighing, including recommendations to assist such processors and processing vessels in acquiring necessary equipment, unless the Council determines that such weighing is not necessary to meet the requirements of this subsection.

''(i) FULL RETENTION AND UTILIZATION.—(1) The North Pacific Council shall submit to the Secretary by October 1, 1998 a report on the advisability of requiring the full retention by fishing vessels and full utilization by United States fish processors of economic discards in fisheries under its jurisdiction if such economic discards, or the mortality of such economic discards, cannot be avoided. The report shall address the projected impacts of such requirements on participants in the fishery and describe any full retention and full utilization requirements that have been implemented.

''(2) The report shall address the advisability of measures to minimize processing waste, including standards setting minimum percentages which must be processed for human consumption. For the purpose of the report, 'processing waste' means that portion of any fish which is processed and which could be used for human consumption or other commercial use, but which is not so used.''.

(b) NORTHWEST ATLANTIC OCEAN FISHERIES.—Section 314 (16 U.S.C. 1863) is amended by striking ''1997'' in subsection (a)(4) and inserting ''1999''.

TITLE II—FISHERY MONITORING AND RESEARCH

SEC. 201. CHANGE OF TITLE.

The heading of title IV (16 U.S.C. 1881 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

''TITLE IV—FISHERY MONITORING AND RESEARCH''.

SEC. 202. REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT.

Title IV (16 U.S.C. 1881 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the title heading the following:

''SEC. 401. REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT.

''(a) STANDARDIZED FISHING VESSEL REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.—The Secretary shall, in cooperation with the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, the States, the Councils, and Marine Fisheries Commissions, develop recommendations for implementation of a standardized fishing

vessel registration and information management system on a regional basis. The recommendations shall be developed after consultation with interested governmental and nongovernmental parties and shall—

''(1) be designed to standardize the requirements of vessel registration and information collection systems required by this Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), and any other marine resource law implemented by the Secretary, and, with the permission of a State, any marine resource law implemented by such State;

''(2) integrate information collection programs under existing fishery management plans into a non-duplicative information collection and management system;

''(3) avoid duplication of existing state, tribal, or federal systems and shall utilize, to the maximum extent practicable, information collected from existing systems;

''(4) provide for implementation of the system through cooperative agreements with appropriate State, regional, or tribal entities and Marine Fisheries Commissions;

''(5) provide for funding (subject to appropriations) to assist appropriate State, regional, or tribal entities and Marine Fisheries Commissions in implementation;

''(6) establish standardized units of measurement, nomenclature, and formats for the collection and submission of information;

''(7) minimize the paperwork required for vessels registered under the system;

''(8) include all species of fish within the geographic areas of authority of the Councils and all fishing vessels including charter fishing vessels, but excluding recreational fishing vessels;

''(9) require United States fish processors, and fish dealers and other first ex-vessel purchasers of fish that are subject to the proposed system, to submit information (other than economic information) which may be necessary to meet the goals of the proposed system; and

''(10) include procedures necessary to ensure—

''(A) the confidentiality of information collected under this section in accordance with section 402(b); and

''(B) the timely release or availability to the public of information collected under this section consistent with section 402(b).

''(b) FISHING VESSEL REGISTRATION.—The proposed registration system should, at a minimum, obtain the following information for each fishing vessel—

''(1) the name and official number or other identification, together with the name and address of the owner or operator or both;

''(2) gross tonnage, vessel capacity, type and quantity of fishing gear, mode of operation (catcher, catcher processor, or other), and such other pertinent information with respect to vessel characteristics as the Secretary may require; and

''(3) identification (by species, gear type, geographic area of operations, and season) of the fisheries in which the fishing vessel participates.

''(c) FISHERY INFORMATION.—The proposed information management system should, at a minimum, provide basic fisheries performance information for each fishery, including—

''(1) the number of vessels participating in the fishery including charter fishing vessels;

''(2) the time period in which the fishery occurs;

''(3) the approximate geographic location or official reporting area where the fishery occurs;

''(4) a description of fishing gear used in the fishery, including the amount and type of such gear and the appropriate unit of fishing effort; and

''(5) other information required under subsection 303(a)(5) or requested by the Council under section 402 .

''(d) USE OF REGISTRATION.—Any registration recommended under this section shall not be considered a permit for the purposes of this Act, and the Secretary may not propose to revoke, suspend, deny, or impose any other conditions or restrictions on any such registration or the use of such registration under this Act.

''(e) PUBLIC COMMENT.—Within one year after the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register for a 60-day public comment period a proposal that would provide for implementation of a standardized fishing vessel registration and information collection system that meets the requirements of subsections (a) through (c). The proposal shall include—

''(1) a description of the arrangements of the Secretary for consultation and cooperation with the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, the States, the Councils, Marine Fisheries Commissions, the fishing industry and other interested parties; and

''(2) any proposed regulations or legislation necessary to implement the proposal.

''(f) CONGRESSIONAL TRANSMITTAL.—Within 60 days after the end of the comment period and after consideration of comments received under subsection (e), the Secretary shall transmit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives a recommended proposal for implementation of a national fishing vessel registration system that includes—

''(1) any modifications made after comment and consultation;

''(2) a proposed implementation schedule, including a schedule for the proposed cooperative agreements required under subsection (a)(4); and

''(3) recommendations for any such additional legislation as the Secretary considers necessary or desirable to implement the proposed system.

''(g) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Within 15 months after the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, the Secretary shall report to Congress on the need to include recreational fishing vessels into a national fishing vessel registration and information collection system. In preparing its report, the Secretary shall cooperate with the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, the States, the Councils, and Marine Fisheries Commissions, and consult with governmental and nongovernmental parties.''.

SEC. 203. INFORMATION COLLECTION.

Section 402 is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 402. INFORMATION COLLECTION.

''(a) COUNCIL REQUESTS.—If a Council determines that additional information (other than information that would disclose proprietary or confidential commercial or financial information regarding fishing operations or fish processing operations) would be beneficial for developing, implementing, or revising a fishery management plan or for determining whether a fishery is in need of management, the Council may request that the Secretary implement an information collection program for the fishery which would provide the types of information (other than information that would disclose proprietary or confidential commercial or financial information regarding fishing operations or fish processing operations) specified by the Council. The Secretary shall undertake such an information collection program if he determines that the need is justified, and shall promulgate regulations to implement the program within 60 days after such determination is made. If the Secretary determines that the need for an information collection program is not justified, the Secretary shall inform the Council of the reasons for such determination in writing. The determinations of the Secretary under this subsection regarding a Council request shall be made within a reasonable period of time after receipt of that request.

''(b) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.—(1) Any information submitted to the Secretary by any person in compliance with any requirement under this Act shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed, except—

''(A) to Federal employees and Council employees who are responsible for fishery management plan development and monitoring;

''(B) to State or Marine Fisheries Commission employees pursuant to an agreement with the Secretary that prevents public disclosure of the identity or business of any person;

''(C) when required by court order;

''(D) when such information is used to verify catch under an individual fishing quota program;

''(E) that observer information collected in fisheries under the authority of the North Pacific Council may be released to the public as specified in a fishery management plan or regulation for weekly summary bycatch information identified by vessel, and for haul-specific bycatch information without vessel identification; or

''(F) when the Secretary has obtained written authorization from the person submitting such information to release such information to persons for reasons not otherwise provided for in this subsection, and such release does not violate other requirements of this Act.

''(2) The Secretary shall, by regulation, prescribe such procedures as may be necessary to preserve the confidentiality of information submitted in compliance with any requirement or regulation under this Act, except that the Secretary may release or make public any such information in any aggregate or summary form which does not directly or indirectly disclose the identity or business of any person who submits such information. Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted or construed to prevent the use for conservation and management purposes by the Secretary, or with the approval of the Secretary, the Council, of any information submitted in compliance with any requirement or regulation under this Act or the use, release, or publication of bycatch information pursuant to paragraph (1)(E) .

''(c) RESTRICTION ON USE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—(1) The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to restrict the use, in civil enforcement or criminal proceedings under this Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), and the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), of information collected by voluntary fishery data collectors, including sea samplers, while aboard any vessel for conservation and management purposes if the presence of such a fishery data collector aboard is not required by any of such Acts or regulations thereunder.

''(2) The Secretary may not require the submission of a federal or State income tax return or statement as a prerequisite for issuance of a permit until such time as the Secretary has promulgated regulations to ensure the confidentiality of information contained in such return or statement, to limit the information submitted to that necessary to achieve a demonstrated conservation and management purpose, and to provide appropriate penalties for violation of such regulations.

''(d) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may provide a grant, contract, or other financial assistance on a sole-source basis to a State, Council, or Marine Fisheries Commission for the purpose of carrying out information collection or other programs if—

''(1) the recipient of such a grant, contract, or other financial assistance is specified by statute to be, or has customarily been, such State, Council, or Marine Fisheries Commission; or

''(2) the Secretary has entered into a cooperative agreement with such State, Council, or Marine Fisheries Commission.

''(e) RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS.—(1) The Secretary may use the private sector to provide vessels, equipment, and services necessary to survey the fishery resources of the United States when the arrangement will yield statistically reliable results.

''(2) The Secretary, in consultation with the appropriate Council and the fishing industry—

''(A) may structure competitive solicitations under paragraph (1) so as to compensate a contractor for a fishery resources survey by allowing the contractor to retain for sale fish harvested during the survey voyage;

''(B) in the case of a survey during which the quantity or quality of fish harvested is not expected to be adequately compensatory, may structure those solicitations so as to provide that compensation by permitting the contractor to harvest on a subsequent voyage and retain for sale a portion of the allowable catch of the surveyed fishery; and

''(C) may permit fish harvested during such survey to count towards a vessel's catch history under a fishery management plan if such survey was conducted in a manner that precluded a vessel's participation in a fishery that counted under the plan for purposes of determining catch history.

''(3) The Secretary shall undertake efforts to expand annual fishery resource assessments in all regions of the Nation.''.

SEC. 204. OBSERVERS.

Section 403 is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 403. OBSERVERS.

''(a) GUIDELINES FOR CARRYING OBSERVERS.—Within one year after the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations, after notice and opportunity for public comment, for fishing vessels that carry observers. The regulations shall include guidelines for determining—

''(1) when a vessel is not required to carry an observer on board because the facilities of such vessel for the quartering of an observer, or for carrying out observer functions, are so inadequate or unsafe that the health or safety of the observer or the safe operation of the vessel would be jeopardized; and

''(2) actions which vessel owners or operators may reasonably be required to take to render such facilities adequate and safe.

''(b) TRAINING.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate States and the National Sea Grant College Program, shall—

''(1) establish programs to ensure that each observer receives adequate training in collecting and analyzing the information necessary for the conservation and management purposes of the fishery to which such observer is assigned;

''(2) require that an observer demonstrate competence in fisheries science and statistical analysis at a level sufficient to enable such person to fulfill the responsibilities of the position;

''(3) ensure that an observer has received adequate training in basic vessel safety; and

''(4) make use of university and any appropriate private nonprofit organization training facilities and resources, where possible, in carrying out this subsection.

''(c) OBSERVER STATUS.—An observer on a vessel and under contract to carry out responsibilities under this Act or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) shall be deemed to be a Federal employee for the purpose of compensation under the Federal Employee Compensation Act (5 U.S.C. 8101 et seq.).''.

SEC. 205. FISHERIES RESEARCH.

Section 404 is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 404. FISHERIES RESEARCH.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall initiate and maintain, in cooperation with the Councils, a comprehensive program of fishery research to carry out and further the purposes, policy, and provisions of this Act. Such program shall be designed to acquire knowledge and information, including statistics, on fishery conservation and management and on the economics and social characteristics of the fisheries.

''(b) STRATEGIC PLAN.—Within one year after the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, and at least every 3 years thereafter, the Secretary shall develop and publish in the Federal Register a strategic plan for fisheries research for the five years immediately following such publication. The plan shall—

''(1) identify and describe a comprehensive program with a limited number of priority objectives for research in each of the areas specified in subsection (c);

''(2) indicate goals and timetables for the program described in paragraph (1);

''(3) provide a role for commercial fishermen in such research, including involvement in field testing;

''(4) provide for collection and dissemination, in a timely manner, of complete and accurate information concerning fishing activities, catch, effort, stock assessments, and other research conducted under this section; and

''(5) be developed in cooperation with the Councils and affected States, and provide for coordination with the Councils, affected States, and other research entities.

''(c) AREAS OF RESEARCH.—Areas of research are as follows:

''(1) Research to support fishery conservation and management, including but not limited to, biological research concerning the abundance and life history parameters of stocks of fish, the interdependence of fisheries or stocks of fish, the identification of essential fish habitat, the impact of pollution on fish populations, the impact of wetland and estuarine degradation, and other factors affecting the abundance and availability of fish.

''(2) Conservation engineering research, including the study of fish behavior and the development and testing of new gear technology and fishing techniques to minimize bycatch and any adverse effects on essential fish habitat and promote efficient harvest of target species.

''(3) Research on the fisheries, including the social, cultural, and economic relationships among fishing vessel owners, crew, United States fish processors, associated shoreside labor, seafood markets and fishing communities.

''(4) Information management research, including the development of a fishery information base and an information management system under section 401 that will permit the full use of information in the support of effective fishery conservation and management.

''(d) PUBLIC NOTICE.—In developing the plan required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with relevant Federal, State, and international agencies, scientific and technical experts, and other interested persons, public and private, and shall publish a proposed plan in the Federal Register for the purpose of receiving public comment on the plan. The Secretary shall ensure that affected commercial fishermen are actively involved in the development of the portion of the plan pertaining to conservation engineering research. Upon final publication in the Federal Register, the plan shall be submitted by the Secretary to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives.''.

SEC. 206. INCIDENTAL HARVEST RESEARCH.

Section 405 is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 405. INCIDENTAL HARVEST RESEARCH.

''(a) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION.—Within nine months after the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, the Secretary shall, after consultation with the Gulf Council and South Atlantic Council, conclude the collection of information in the program to assess the impact on fishery resources of incidental harvest by the shrimp trawl fishery within the authority of such Councils. Within the same time period, the Secretary shall make available to the public aggregated summaries of information collected prior to June 30, 1994 under such program.

''(b) IDENTIFICATION OF STOCK.—The program concluded pursuant to subsection (a) shall provide for the identification of stocks of fish which are subject to significant incidental harvest in the course of normal shrimp trawl fishing activity.

''(c) COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT OF SPECIFIC STOCK INFORMATION.—For stocks of fish identified pursuant to subsection (b), with priority given to stocks which (based upon the best available scientific information) are considered to be overfished, the Secretary shall conduct—

''(1) a program to collect and evaluate information on the nature and extent (including the spatial and temporal distribution) of incidental mortality of such stocks as a direct result of shrimp trawl fishing activities;

''(2) an assessment of the status and condition of such stocks, including collection of information which would allow the estimation of life history parameters with sufficient accuracy and precision to support sound scientific evaluation of the effects of various management alternatives on the status of such stocks; and

''(3) a program of information collection and evaluation for such stocks on the magnitude and distribution of fishing mortality and fishing effort by sources of fishing mortality other than shrimp trawl fishing activity.

''(d) BYCATCH REDUCTION PROGRAM.—Not later than 12 months after the enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, the Secretary shall, in cooperation with affected interests, and based upon the best scientific information available, complete a program to—

''(1) develop technological devices and other changes in fishing operations necessary and appropriate to minimize the incidental mortality of bycatch in the course of shrimp trawl activity to the extent practicable, taking into account the level of bycatch mortality in the fishery on November 28, 1990;

''(2) evaluate the ecological impacts and the benefits and costs of such devices and changes in fishing operations; and

''(3) assess whether it is practicable to utilize bycatch which is not avoidable.

''(e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall, within one year of completing the programs required by this section, submit a detailed report on the results of such programs to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the

Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives.

''(f) IMPLEMENTATION CRITERIA.—To the extent practicable, any conservation and management measure implemented under this Act to reduce the incidental mortality of bycatch in the course of shrimp trawl fishing shall be consistent with—

''(1) measures applicable to fishing throughout the range in United States waters of the bycatch species concerned; and

''(2) the need to avoid any serious adverse environmental impacts on such bycatch species or the ecology of the affected area.''.

SEC. 207. MISCELLANEOUS RESEARCH.

(a) FISHERIES SYSTEMS RESEARCH.—Section 406 (16 U.S.C. 1882) is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 406. FISHERIES SYSTEMS RESEARCH.

''(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PANEL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, the Secretary shall establish an advisory panel under this Act to develop recommendations to expand the application of ecosystem principles in fishery conservation and management activities.

''(b) PANEL MEMBERSHIP.—The advisory panel shall consist of not more than 20 individuals and include—

''(1) individuals with expertise in the structures, functions, and physical and biological characteristics of ecosystems; and

''(2) representatives from the Councils, States, fishing industry, conservation organizations, or others with expertise in the management of marine resources.

''(c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Prior to selecting advisory panel members, the Secretary shall, with respect to panel members described in subsection (b)(1), solicit recommendations from the National Academy of Sciences.

''(d) REPORT.—Within 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a completed report of the panel established under this section, which shall include—

''(1) an analysis of the extent to which ecosystem principles are being applied in fishery conservation and management activities, including research activities;

''(2) proposed actions by the Secretary and by the Congress that should be undertaken to expand the application of ecosystem principles in fishery conservation and management; and

''(3) such other information as may be appropriate.

''(e) PROCEDURAL MATTER.—The advisory panel established under this section shall be deemed an advisory panel under section 302(g).''.

(b) GULF OF MEXICO RED SNAPPER RESEARCH.—Title IV of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1882) is amended by adding the following new section:

''SEC. 407. GULF OF MEXICO RED SNAPPER RESEARCH.

''(a) INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEW.—(1) Within 30 days of the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, the Secretary shall initiate an independent peer review to evaluate—

''(A) the accuracy and adequacy of fishery statistics used by the Secretary for the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico to account for all commercial, recreational, and charter fishing harvests and fishing effort on the stock;

''(B) the appropriateness of the scientific methods, information, and models used by the Secretary to assess the status and trends of the Gulf of Mexico red snapper stock and as the basis for the fishery management plan for the Gulf of Mexico red snapper fishery;

''(C) the appropriateness and adequacy of the management measures in the fishery management plan for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico for conserving and managing the red snapper fishery under this Act; and

''(D) the costs and benefits of all reasonable alternatives to an individual fishing quota program for the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico.

''(2) The Secretary shall ensure that commercial, recreational, and charter fishermen in the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico are provided an opportunity to—

''(A) participate in the peer review under this subsection; and

''(B) provide information to the Secretary concerning the review of fishery statistics under this subsection without being subject to penalty under this Act or other applicable law for any past violation of a requirement to report such information to the Secretary.

''(3) The Secretary shall submit a detailed written report on the findings of the peer review conducted under this subsection to the Gulf Council no later than one year after the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act.

''(b) PROHIBITION.—In addition to the restrictions under section 303(d)(1)(A), the Gulf Council may not, prior to October 1, 2000, undertake or continue the preparation of any fishery management plan, plan amendment or regulation under this Act for the Gulf of Mexico commercial red snapper fishery that creates an individual fishing quota program or that authorizes the consolidation of licenses, permits, or endorsements that result in different trip limits for vessels in the same class.

''(c) REFERENDUM.—

''(1) On or after October 1, 2000, the Gulf Council may prepare and submit a fishery management plan, plan amendment, or regulation for the Gulf of Mexico commercial red snapper fishery that creates an individual fishing quota program or that authorizes the consolidation of licenses, permits, or endorsements that result in different trip limits for vessels in the same class, only if the preparation of such plan, amendment, or regulation is approved in a referendum conducted under paragraph (2) and only if the submission to the Secretary of such plan, amendment, or regulation is approved in a subsequent referendum conducted under paragraph (2).

''(2) The Secretary, at the request of the Gulf Council, shall conduct referendums under this subsection. Only a person who held an annual vessel permit with a red snapper endorsement for such permit on September 1, 1996 (or any person to whom such permit with such endorsement was transferred after such date) and vessel captains who harvested red snapper in a commercial fishery using such endorsement in each red snapper fishing season occurring between January 1, 1993, and such date may vote in a referendum under this subsection. The referendum shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast. The Secretary shall develop a formula to weight votes based on the proportional harvest under each such permit and endorsement and by each such captain in the fishery between January 1, 1993, and September 1, 1996. Prior to each referendum, the Secretary, in consultation with the Council, shall—

''(A) identify and notify all such persons holding permits with red snapper endorsements and all such vessel captains; and

''(B) make available to all such persons and vessel captains information about the schedule, procedures, and eligibility requirements for the referendum and the proposed individual fishing quota program.

''(d) CATCH LIMITS.—Any fishery management plan, plan amendment, or regulation submitted by the Gulf Council for the red snapper fishery after the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act shall contain conservation and management measures that—

''(1) establish separate quotas for recreational fishing (which, for the purposes of this subsection shall include charter fishing) and commercial fishing that, when reached, result in a prohibition on the retention of fish caught during recreational fishing and commercial fishing, respectively, for the remainder of the fishing year; and

''(2) ensure that such quotas reflect allocations among such sectors and do not reflect any harvests in excess of such allocations.''.

SEC. 208. STUDY OF CONTRIBUTION OF BYCATCH TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Commerce shall conduct a study of the contribution of bycatch to charitable organizations by commercial fishermen. The study shall include determinations of—

(1) the amount of bycatch that is contributed each year to charitable organizations by commercial fishermen;

(2) the economic benefits to commercial fishermen from those contributions; and

(3) the impact on fisheries of the availability of those benefits.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce shall submit to the Congress a report containing determinations made in the study under subsection (a).

(c) BYCATCH DEFINED.—In this section the term ''bycatch'' has the meaning given that term in section 3 of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by section 102 of this Act.

SEC. 209. STUDY OF IDENTIFICATION METHODS FOR HARVEST STOCKS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce shall conduct a study to determine the best possible method of identifying various Atlantic and Pacific salmon and steelhead stocks in the ocean at time of harvest. The study shall include an assessment of—

(1) coded wire tags;

(2) fin clipping; and

(3) other identification methods.

(b) REPORT.—The Secretary shall report the results of the study, together with any recommendations for legislation deemed necessary based on the study, within 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

SEC. 210. REVIEW OF NORTHEAST FISHERY STOCK ASSESSMENTS.

The National Academy of Sciences, in consultation with regionally recognized fishery experts, shall conduct a peer review of Canadian and United States stock assessments, information collection methodologies, biological assumptions and projections, and other relevant scientific information used as the basis for conservation and management in the Northeast multispecies fishery. The National Academy of Sciences shall submit the results of such review to the Congress and the Secretary of Commerce no later than March 1, 1997.

SEC. 211. CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.

The table of contents is amended by striking the matter relating to title IV and inserting the following:

''Sec. 312. Transition to sustainable fisheries.
''Sec. 313. North Pacific fisheries conservation.
''Sec. 314. Northwest Atlantic Ocean fisheries reinvestment program.
''TITLE IV—FISHERY MONITORING AND RESEARCH
''Sec. 401. Registration and information management.

TITLE III—FISHERIES FINANCING

SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Fisheries Financing Act''.

SEC. 302. INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTA LOANS.

(a) AMENDMENT OF MERCHANT MARINE ACT, 1936.—Section 1104A of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 U.S.C. App. 1274) is amended—

(1) by striking ''or'' at the end of subsection (a)(5);

(2) by striking the period at the end of subsection (a)(6) and inserting a semicolon and ''or'';

(3) by adding at the end of subsection (a) the following:

''(7) financing or refinancing, including, but not limited to, the reimbursement of obligors for expenditures previously made, for the purchase of individual fishing quotas in accordance with section 303(d)(4) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1853(d)(4)).''; and

(4) by striking ''paragraph (6)'' in the last sentence of subsection (a) and inserting ''paragraphs (6) and (7)''; and

(5) by striking ''equal to'' in the third proviso of subsection (b)(2) and inserting ''not to exceed''.

(b) PROHIBITION.—Until October 1, 2001, no new loans may be guaranteed by the Federal Government for the construction of new fishing vessels if the construction will result in an increased harvesting capacity within the United States exclusive economic zone.

SEC. 303. FISHERIES FINANCING AND CAPACITY REDUCTION.

(a) CAPACITY REDUCTION AND FINANCING AUTHORITY.—Title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 U.S.C. App. 1271 et seq.), is amended by adding at the end the following new sections:

''SEC. 1111. (a) The Secretary is authorized to guarantee the repayment of debt obligations issued by entities under this section. Debt obligations to be guaranteed may be issued by any entity that has been approved by the Secretary and has agreed with the Secretary to such conditions as the Secretary deems necessary for this section to achieve the objective of the program and to protect the interest of the United States.

''(b) Any debt obligation guaranteed under this section shall—

''(1) be treated in the same manner and to the same extent as other obligations guaranteed under this title, except with respect to provisions of this title that by their nature cannot be applied to obligations guaranteed under this section;

''(2) have the fishing fees established under the program paid into a separate subaccount of the fishing capacity reduction fund established under this section;

''(3) not exceed $100,000,000 in an unpaid principal amount outstanding at any one time for a program;

''(4) have such maturity (not to exceed 20 years), take such form, and contain such conditions as the Secretary determines necessary for the program to which they relate;

''(5) have as the exclusive source of repayment (subject to the proviso in subsection (c)(2)) and as the exclusive payment security, the fishing fees established under the program; and

''(6) at the discretion of the Secretary be issued in the public market or sold to the Federal Financing Bank.

''(c)(1) There is established in the Treasury of the United States a separate account which shall be known as the fishing capacity reduction fund (referred to in this section as the 'fund'). Within the fund, at least one subaccount shall be established for each program into which shall be paid all fishing fees established under the program and other amounts authorized for the program.

''(2) Amounts in the fund shall be available, without appropriation or fiscal year limitation, to the Secretary to pay the cost of the program, including payments to financial institutions to pay debt obligations incurred by entities under this section; provided that funds available for this purpose from other amounts available for the program may also be used to pay such debt obligations.

''(3) Sums in the fund that are not currently needed for the purpose of this section shall be kept on deposit or invested in obligations of the United States.

''(d) The Secretary is authorized and directed to issue such regulations as the Secretary deems necessary to carry out this section.

''(e) For the purposes of this section, the term 'program' means a fishing capacity reduction program established under section 312 of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

''SEC. 1112. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, all obligations involving any fishing vessel, fishery facility, aquaculture facility, individual fishing quota, or fishing capacity reduction program issued under this title after the date of enactment of the Sustainable Fisheries Act shall be direct loan obligations, for which the Secretary shall be the obligee, rather than obligations issued to obligees other than the Secretary and guaranteed by the Secretary. All direct loan obligations under this section shall be treated in the same manner and to the same extent as obligations guaranteed under this title except with respect to provisions of this title which by their nature can only be applied to obligations guaranteed under this title.

''(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title, the annual rate of interest which obligors shall pay on direct loan obligations under this section shall be fixed at two percent of the principal amount of such obligations outstanding plus such additional percent as the Secretary shall be obligated to pay as the interest cost of borrowing from the United States Treasury the funds with which to make such direct loans.''.

TITLE IV—MARINE FISHERY STATUTE REAUTHORIZATIONS

SEC. 401. MARINE FISH PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) FISHERIES INFORMATION COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce, to enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out fisheries information and analysis activities under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.) and any other law involving those activities, $51,800,000 for fiscal year 1997, and $52,345,000 for each of the fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, the collection, analysis, and dissemination of scientific information necessary for the management of living marine resources and associated marine habitat.

(b) FISHERIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS.— There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce, to enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out activities relating to fisheries conservation and management operations under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.) and any other law involving those activities, $29,028,000 for fiscal year 1997, and $29,899,000 for each of the fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, development, implementation, and enforcement of conservation and management measures to achieve continued optimum use of living marine resources, hatchery operations, habitat conservation, and protected species management.

(c) FISHERIES STATE AND INDUSTRY COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce, to enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out State and industry cooperative programs under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.) and any other law involving those activities, $27,932,000 for fiscal year 1997, and $28,226,000 for each of the fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000. These activities include, but are not limited to, ensuring the quality and safety of seafood products and providing grants to States for improving the management of interstate fisheries.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR CHESAPEAKE BAY OFFICE.—Section 2(e) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Marine Fisheries Program Authorization Act (Public Law 98-210; 97 Stat. 1409) is amended—

(1) by striking ''1992 and 1993'' and inserting ''1997 and 1998'';

(2) by striking ''establish'' and inserting ''operate'';

(3) by striking ''306'' and inserting ''307''; and

(4) by striking ''1991'' and inserting ''1992''.

(e) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.—Authorizations under this section shall be in addition to monies authorized under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 757 et seq.), and the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act (16 U.S.C. 4107 et seq.).

(f) NEW ENGLAND HEALTH PLAN.—The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to provide up to $2,000,000 from previously appropriated funds to Caritas Christi for the implementation of a health care plan for fishermen in New England if Caritas Christi submits such plan to the Secretary no later than January 1, 1997, and the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, approves such plan.

SEC. 402. INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENTS.

(a) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 308 of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1986 (16 U.S.C. 4107) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

''(a) GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Commerce for apportionment to carry out the purposes of this title—

''(1) $3,400,000 for fiscal year 1996;

''(2) $3,900,000 for fiscal year 1997;

''(3) $4,400,000 for each of the fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000.'';

(2) by striking ''$350,000 for each of the fiscal years 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993, and $600,000 for each of the fiscal years 1994 and 1995,'' in subsection (c) and inserting ''$700,000 for fiscal year 1997, and $750,000 for each of the fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000,''.

(b) NEW ENGLAND REPORT.—Section 308(d) of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1986 (16 U.S.C. 4107(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(7) With respect to funds available for the New England region, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress by January 1, 1997, with annual updates thereafter as appropriate, a

report on the New England fishing capacity reduction initiative which provides:

''(A) the total number of Northeast multispecies permits in each permit category and calculates the maximum potential fishing capacity of vessels holding such permits based on the principal gear, gross registered tonnage, engine horsepower, length, age, and other relevant characteristics;

''(B) the total number of days at sea available to the permitted Northeast multispecies fishing fleet and the total days at sea weighted by the maximum potential fishing capacity of the fleet;

''(C) an analysis of the extent to which the weighted days at sea are used by the active participants in the fishery and of the reduction in such days as a result of the fishing capacity reduction program; and

''(D) an estimate of conservation benefits (such as reduction in fishing mortality) directly attributable to the fishing capacity reduction program.''.

SEC. 403. ANADROMOUS FISHERIES AMENDMENTS.

Section 4 of the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 757d) is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 4. (a)(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act not to exceed the following sums:

''(A) $4,000,000 for fiscal year 1997; and

''(B) $4,250,000 for each of fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000.

''(2) Sums appropriated under this subsection are authorized to remain available until expended.

''(b) Not more than $625,000 of the funds appropriated under this section in any one fiscal year shall be obligated in any one State.''.

SEC. 404. ATLANTIC COASTAL FISHERIES AMENDMENTS.

(a) DEFINITION.—Paragraph (1) of section 803 of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (16 U.S.C. 5102) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''and'' after the semicolon in subparagraph (A);

(2) by striking ''States; and'' in subparagraph (B) and inserting ''States.''; and

(3) by striking subparagraph (C).

(b) IMPLEMENTATION STANDARD FOR FEDERAL REGULATION.—Subparagraph (A) of section 804(b)(1) of such Act (16 U.S.C. 5103(b)(1)) is amended by striking ''necessary to support'' and inserting ''compatible with''.

(c) AMERICAN LOBSTER MANAGEMENT.—Section 809 (16 U.S.C. 5108) and section 810 of such Act are redesignated as sections 811 and 812, respectively, and the following new sections are inserted at the end of section 808:

''SEC. 809. STATE PERMITS VALID IN CERTAIN WATERS.

''(a) PERMITS.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (16 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.), or any requirement of a fishery management plan or coastal fishery management plan to the contrary, a person holding a valid license issued by the State of Maine which lawfully permits that person to engage in commercial fishing for American lobster may, with the approval of the State of Maine, engage in commercial fishing for American Lobster in the following areas designated as federal waters, if such fishing is conducted in such waters in accordance with all other applicable federal and state regulations:

''(1) west of Monhegan Island in the area located north of the line 43° 42′ 08″ N, 69° 34′ 18″ W and 43° 42′ 15″ N, 69° 19′ 18″ W;

''(2) east of Monhegan Island in the area located west of the line 43° 44′ 00″ N, 69° 15′ 05″ W and 43° 48′ 10″ N, 69° 08′ 01″ W;

''(3) south of Vinalhaven in the area located west of the line 43° 52′ 21″ N, 68° 39′ 54″ W and 43° 48′ 10″ N, 69° 08′ 01″ W; and

''(4) south of Bois Bubert Island in the area located north of the line 44° 19′ 15″ N, 67° 49′ 30″ W and 44° 23′ 45″ N, 67° 40′ 33″ W.

''(b) ENFORCEMENT.—The exemption from federal fishery permitting requirements granted by subsection (a) may be revoked or suspended by the Secretary in accordance with section 308(g) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1858(g)) for violations of such Act or this Act.

''SEC. 810. TRANSITION TO MANAGEMENT OF AMERICAN LOBSTER FISHERY BY COMMISSION.

''(a) TEMPORARY LIMITS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), if no regulations have been issued under section 804(b) of this Act by December 31, 1997, to implement a coastal fishery management plan for American lobster, then the Secretary shall issue interim regulations before March 1, 1998, that will prohibit any vessel that takes lobsters in the exclusive economic zone by a method other than pots or traps from landing lobsters (or any parts thereof) at any location within the United States in excess of—

''(1) 100 lobsters (or parts thereof) for each fishing trip of 24 hours or less duration (up to a maximum of 500 lobsters, or parts thereof, during any 5-day period); or

''(2) 500 lobsters (or parts thereof) for a fishing trip of 5 days or longer.

''(b) SECRETARY TO MONITOR LANDINGS.—Before January 1, 1998, the Secretary shall monitor, on a timely basis, landings of American lobster, and, if the Secretary determines that catches from vessels that take lobsters in the exclusive economic zone by a method other than pots or traps have increased significantly, then the Secretary may, consistent with the national standards in section 301 of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801), and after opportunity for public comment and consultation with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, implement regulations under section 804(b) of this Act that are necessary for the conservation of American lobster.

''(c) REGULATIONS TO REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL PLAN IMPLEMENTED.—Regulations issued under subsection (a) or (b) shall remain in effect until the Secretary implements regulations under section 804(b) of this Act to implement a coastal fishery management plan for American lobster.''.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 810 of such Act, as amended by this Act, is amended further by striking ''1996.'' and inserting ''1996, and $7,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.''.

SEC. 405. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENT.

(a) EXECUTION OF PRIOR AMENDMENTS TO DEFINITIONS.—Notwithstanding section 308 of the Act entitled ''An Act to provide for the designation of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary'', approved March 9, 1992 (Public Law 102-251; 106 Stat. 66) hereinafter referred to as the ''FGB Act'', section 301(b) of that Act (adding a definition of the term ''special areas'') shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 301(h)(2)(A) of the FGB Act is repealed.

(2) Section 304 of the FGB Act is repealed.

(3) Section 3(15) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1362(15)) is amended to read as follows:

''(15) The term 'waters under the jurisdiction of the United States' means—

''(A) the territorial sea of the United States;

''(B) the waters included within a zone, contiguous to the territorial sea of the United States, of which the inner boundary is a line coterminous with the seaward boundary of each coastal State, and the other boundary is a line drawn in such a manner that each point on it is 200 nautical miles from the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured; and

''(C) the areas referred to as eastern special areas in Article 3(1) of the Agreement between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Maritime Boundary, signed June 1, 1990; in particular, those areas east of the maritime boundary, as defined in that Agreement, that lie within 200 nautical miles of the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea of Russia is measured but beyond 200 nautical miles of the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea of the United States is measured, except that this subparagraph shall not apply before the date on which the Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Maritime Boundary, signed June 1, 1990, enters into force for the United States.''.

SEC. 406. AMENDMENTS TO THE FISHERIES ACT.

Section 309(b) of the Fisheries Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-43) is amended by striking ''July 1, 1996'' and inserting ''July 1, 1997''.

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

Mr. LOTT. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, once again I thank and congratulate all those who worked on this very important legislation. I especially thank the distinguished Senator from Alaska for the work that he did from the Commerce Committee at the subcommittee level.

There was a lot of pressure to move earlier. If we had, there would have been all kinds of problems. By persistence and negotiations, I think we came up with really good legislation.

I thank the Senator from Alaska, the Senator from Washington, Senator GORTON, the Senator from Massachusetts, Senator KERRY, and everybody who worked on it. This is very, very important legislation.

Now we want to move forward getting through the process so we have it done before we go out.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 1505

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 540, S. 1505, and that no amendment relative to the tuna-dolphin issue or the Panama declaration issue be in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, it was my understanding that request would be notwithstanding the previous unanimous consent request regarding 10 minutes.

Mr. LOTT. Absolutely, Mr. President. At least one Senator wanted to speak and was not able to get here before the vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There will be 10 minutes.

Mr. LOTT. That 10 minutes will be the next thing we go to, so we can get the closing statements. That is our intent.

MR. BRADLEY. Reserving my right to object, it is my understanding the amendment that had been discussed between the majority leader and the Senator from New Jersey is on its way to the floor and the manager will offer it as an amendment to the committee amendment; is that correct, that would be in order?

Mr. LOTT. That is absolutely correct. We apologize for our not getting a highlighted copy of it to the Senator. We are going to get that to him. I am absolutely committed to the agreement we have.

Mr. STEVENS. Reserving the right to object, Mr. President, does the leader's unanimous-consent request apply to the pipeline safety bill?

Mr. LOTT. It only applies to the pipeline safety bill, Mr. President, except that it does say we would not go to the tuna-dolphin issue or the Panama declaration issue, that they would not be in order, but it only takes up the pipeline safety bill.

Mr. STEVENS. Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee substitute be agreed to, the bill be deemed read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table—Mr. President, I withdraw that request. I understand there has been objection.

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senators who wish to speak on S. 39 have 10 minutes.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I again thank the people who were involved in this. As I said, prior to the passage of the bill, this is a bill we have worked out in 18 months. When it was previously before the Senate, it took 5 years. This has required a tremendous amount of staff time.

I am particularly indebted to my staff people:

Trevor McCabe and Earl Comstock; and to Tom Melius, who has worked with the chairman of the committee, Senator PRESSLER, and Penny Dalton, who has worked with Senator KERRY and Senator HOLLINGS from on the committee.

Let me also thank Jeanne Bumpus with Senator GORTON; Justin LeBlanc with Senator MURRAY; Margaret Commisky and Scott Atkinson with Senator INOUYE; Clark LeBlanc who is with Senator SNOWE; Mike Parks and Darla Romfo with Senator BREAUX; GLENN Merrill and Alex Elkan, Sea Grant fellows with the Commerce Committee; Peter Hill and Tom Richy on Senator KERRY's staff; Alex Buell on Senator WYDEN's staff; Carl Biersak, who has worked with the majority leader, Senator LOTT; Carol Dubard with Senator HUTCHISON; Rick Murphy with Senator CHAFEE; and Wayne Boyles with Senator HELMS.

Mr. President, this bill would not have come before us if it had not been for the tremendous support from the Marine Fish Conservation Network. I particularly want to thank Greenpeace and the Alaska Marine Conservation Network for working very actively for the passage of S. 39, as well as the Center for Marine Conservation and the World Wildlife Fund.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the entire list of the fish network, who have all been helpful.

There being no objection, the list was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

THE MARINE FISH CONSERVATION NETWORK

(100 Member Organizations Representing More Than Six Million Americans, as of June, 1996)

Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association
Alaska Marine Conservation Council
Alliance of Rhode Island Saltwater Fishing Clubs
W.H. Amaru Fisheries Research and Conservation
American Oceans Campaign
Atlantic Salmon Federation
Bass Anglers Sportsman's Society
The Billfish Foundation
Biodiversity Legal Foundation
Caribbean Conservation Corporation
Carrying Capacity Network
Center for Marine Conservation
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
City of St. Paul/Bering Sea Coalition
Coastal Waters Project
Columbus (OH) Zoological Gardens
Concerned Citizens of Montauk
Connecticut River Stripped Bass Club
Conservation Law Foundation
Croal Reef Action Group
Deep Pacific Fishing Company
Defenders of Wildlife
Environmental Advocacy Outreach
Environmental Defense Fund
Environmental Solutions International
Federation of Fly Fishers
Fisheries Defense Fund
Fishermen's Emergency Fund
Fish Forever
Fish Unlimited
Florida League of Anglers
Friends of the Earth
Glacier Creek Smoked Salmon
Good Knight Campaign for Protection of Children and the Earth
GreenLife Society—North American Chapter
Greenpeace
Hawaii Fishermen's Foundation
Hawaiian International Billfish Association
Interfaith Council for the Protection of Animals and Nature
International Game Fish Association
Jersey Coast Anglers Association
King and Sons Fishing Company, Inc.
Kodiak Conservation Network
F/V Lady Anne, Inc.
Maine Animal Coalition
Maine Lobsterman's Association
The Marine Mammal Center
Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association
Massachusetts Audubon Society
Massachusetts Wildlife Federation
Mid-Coast Anglers
Monterey Bay Aquarium
Mystic River-Whitford Brook Watershed Association
Nahant SWIM (Safer Waters in Massachusetts)
The National Aquarium (DC)
NAUI (National Assoc. of Underwater Instructors)
National Audubon Society
National Coalition for Marine Conservation
National Fishing Association
Natural Resource Consultants (Idaho)
Natural Resources Defense Council
New England Aquarium
New England Coast Conservation Association
New Pioneer Co-op Fresh Food Market (IA)
NY/NJ Harbor Baykeeper
New York Sportfishing Federation
North Pacific Fisheries Protection Association
North Pacific Longline Association
Ocean Futures Foundation
Oregon Natural Resources Council
Oregon Trout
Oregon Wildlife Federation
People for Puget Sound
PADI (Professional Assoc. of Diving Instructors)
Project ReefKeeper
Puget Soundkeeper Alliance
Reid International
Salt Water Sportsman Magazine
Save Our Shores
Save the Sound
Save the Bay
Sierra Club
Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund
Society for Conservation Biology
Sport Fishing Institute
Stripers Unlimited
Surfer Environmental Alliance
Surfrider Foundation
Tampa BAYWATCH, Inc.
Trout Unlimited
Trustees for Alaska
United Anglers of California
United Fishermen's Association
Wildlife Conservation Society
World Wildlife Fund

Mr. STEVENS. Let me also thank representatives of the Western Alaska Fisheries Development Association, the Pacific Seafoods Processors Association, the Alaska Groundfish Data Bank, the Alaska Draggers Association, the Petersburg Vessel Owners Association, and the Kodiak Longline Vessel Owners Association.

Mr. President, I am sad to report that the two people who urged me in the first instance to support the original act and introduce it in 1971 and then helped us get started once again on the revision that passed in 1976, Oscar Dyson and Harold Sparck, two Alaskans, are now deceased. I do want to recognize their memory in connection with this legislation, which they have also been instrumental in creating.

Mr. President, I will not take all the time, but I do once again want to thank my good friend from Massachusetts. Had it not been for his determination and consistency, we would not be where we are today, having passed a significant, bipartisan bill.

But beyond that, Mr. President, I want to issue one word of warning as I close. We have passed a bill to try to eliminate waste in the fisheries off our shores. Mr. President, if these mechanisms we have adopted through compromise do not work, I intend to be back with a stronger bill because it is the area off my shores, the shores of Alaska, that produce over half of the fisheries of this country.

The waste has become just unacceptable, totally unacceptable. When we reached the level of 500 to 700 million pounds a year of fish being wasted because of the distant water fishing vessels, we have reached a level beyond our acceptance in the fisheries.

Mr. President, I introduced the original 200-mile bill in 1971 because I flew from Kodiak to the Pribilof Islands and counted over 100 Japanese trollers off our shores. We sought to find a way to eliminate that scourge on our fisheries, and we did so by passing, finally 5 years later, the bill that is now known as the Magnuson Act, at my request.

That law brought into effect a new distant water fleet. It is the factory trollers. And 75 percent of that waste comes from the factory trollers. If they do not put their business back in order and get away from bottom line fisheries and start thinking about the conservation of our fisheries and the sustainability of our fisheries, we will be back because Alaska will not put up with the total depletion of our fisheries.

There are no known species off our shores that are overfished now. Several may be very close to it. The day that we get one—even one—caused by factory trollers, I will be back with another bill, because we demand that the reproductive capability of our fisheries be sustained. That is what this bill does. That is the intent of the bill. If it does not work, Mr. President, thanks to God and my Alaska voters, I will be here 6 more years, and we will see to it that a bill will pass that will eliminate these vessels that are destroying the reproductive capability of the North Pacific. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, how much time remains on the 10 minutes allotted?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Four minutes.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I used too much time. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for an extra 5 minutes on this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I thank the distinguished Senator from Alaska for his comments. It is my hope that both God and some other voters will help me be back here to work with him.

Let me just say, Mr. President, I thank the Senator for his comments about our joint work. It has been a great privilege working with the Senator from Alaska and his staff in an effort to try to move this very important piece of legislation. I think it is fair to say—and I know the Senator from Alaska will join me in this—a lot of countries around the world were waiting to see how the United States was going to respond to its crisis of dealing with its fishing stocks and the protection of our available fishing grounds from the waters off Alaska to the waters south all the way to San Diego, the tuna fleet, all through the gulf coast, the Gulf of Mexico, around to Florida all the way up to Charleston, SC, North Carolina, New York, New Jersey, to Maine.

We have had different interests that have been tugging within this bill. We have commercial fishermen tugging against recreational fishermen. This is a $50 billion a year industry to the United States on the commercial side and it is a $7 billion industry with respect to the recreational side. There are enormous pressures by that monetary interest to continue to deplete. But this is a finite resource, and we have to manage it.

Other countries are wrestling with this. Great Britain is doing a buyout. Iceland, Russia, other nations, Norway, all of them have implemented particular environmental concerns. What we did here today was important to say that we are going to be a leader in that international effort and that we are serious. I join the Senator from Alaska in saying that this must work. If it does not, we will come back with tougher measures in order to guarantee that the stocks are able to replenish and that fishing is an ongoing effort.

I simply repeat what I said yesterday. This is not a signal of an end to fishing nor even the downturn. If we do our job properly and if the management councils do their jobs properly, 300,000 new jobs can be created. This can be a growth industry for the United States of America. That is our goal.

I want to thank the Senator from Louisiana for his continued and ever-present counsel and assistance in these efforts. He understands the issues as well as any person in the Senate, and his help has been instrumental in building the consensus that we brought here today. I yield the remainder of the time to the Senator from Louisiana.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

Mr. BREAUX. Mr. President, I will just take a moment, but I say, that if the work on this legislation is any measure of the voters of Alaska and voters of Massachusetts, both of our colleagues will in fact be back in the next Congress to work on this legislation and many other areas.

I just say to the Senator from Massachusetts, who has just spoken, that his fisheries area was on the brink of disaster, but because of his outstanding work on this legislation, I suggest that the New England fisheries are going to be much better off. Maybe not just this afternoon, but in the next year and the years after that and for the next several decades, that very vital fisheries area of the United States, the New England fisheries, is going to be better off because this bill will provide better science, better management tools for local fishery management organizations to manage the fisheries in that area.

I think he deserves a great deal of credit, as does the Senator from Alaska, for putting together a bill that really has been nonpartisan. To be able to get the Gulf of Mexico and the New England fisheries to agree with the fishermen in the Northwest and in Alaska is quite a political achievement. I want to say to both of these leaders what an outstanding job they have done in bringing forward this piece of legislation. Millions and millions will be much better off because of their work today in this legislation.

I want to also thank two members of my staff, Mr. Mike Parks, who has worked on this legislation for so long, and also my legislative director, Ms. Darla Romfo, for stepping in at the last minute. This is not her area, not her expertise, but she became a very quick expert in the area of fisheries. We thank them both for their effort. I yield the floor.

Mr. STEVENS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I see that the chairman of the committee is here now, Senator PRESSLER. I want to add to the comments that I made previously that he and Senator HOLLINGS, the leader and ranking member on our committee, the Commerce Committee, have allowed us broad leeway and literally allowed us, with almost all our funding from the Commerce Committee, to travel in connection with the hearings we conducted on this bill in the period of 2 years.

Senator PRESSLER has contributed very greatly to the outcome of this legislation. I want to acknowledge his leadership as well as his cooperation. Both he and the staff of the full committee have assisted us in every way. I do thank him. And Senator HOLLINGS has done the same for Senator KERRY. So it was with the absolute cooperation of the leadership of the committee that we were able to achieve the passage of this bill. It is another bipartisan bill that goes down on the record of Senator PRESSLER during his chairmanship of this committee. We look forward to working with him in the years to come.

I would also like to add my special thanks to Senator INOUYE, who has stood beside us and made a major contribution to this bill.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. I just want to add, once again, my thanks to the leaders of this bill. We have talked about the importance of this bill to the management of the waters of the United States. It could not have come about without the leadership of Senator PRESSLER, the chairman of the committee, who really made it come together when there were many issues still left on the table.

Certainly, the distinguished chairman of the subcommittee, Senator STEVENS, along with Senator KERRY, Senator HOLLINGS, Senator BREAUX, Senator LOTT—everyone worked so hard to do something that I think really will be for the benefit of all of the people who care about our waters, and use them either for commercial use or for recreation and conservation. Kudos to all.

I yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, we do have one issue we need to get resolved on this bill. While that is being worked on, I ask unanimous consent that there be a period of morning business for the next 30 minutes with time limited to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ASHCROFT). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous-consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, is the Senate now in a period of morning business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate is in a period of morning business, with a unanimous consent order limiting the time of each Senator to 5 minutes.

Mr. DORGAN. I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to speak for 8 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

GUNS IN SCHOOLS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, this morning I was watching a morning television show and heard a report that was dumbfounding to me. It was a report on a decision by an appellate court of New York State dealing with a young man who had brought a gun to school. The gun had been discovered and taken from the youth. The boy was expelled from school. This case has made its way through the New York court system to the appellate court, which ruled Tuesday that the security guard had acted improperly in removing the gun from the boy who was in a school.

I came to the office this morning after hearing that report and asked for some information about the appellate court decision and got it. I read through it and there are times when you scratch your head and wonder why there are people serving in public office in any branch of government who are so completely devoid of common sense. I read this decision and wondered how anyone could really have decided that it is all right for a boy to carry a gun in school and not be punished for it.

There is a law on the books now, the Gun-Free Schools Act, that says schools must have zero tolerance for guns in our Nation's classrooms and hallways. I wrote it. I, along with the Senator from California, Senator FEINSTEIN, wrote this legislation that is now law. It says with respect to the issue of guns in schools, we are sending a message that is very clear anywhere in America.

The message ought to be clear to every student and every parent: There is zero tolerance for guns in schools. Do not bring a gun to school. If you do, you will face certain punishment. Now, that is law.

In the report I heard today about the court case in New York regarding the young man, identified as Juan, in the Bronx, at William Howard Taft High School, a security guard testified that he spotted what looked like the handle of a gun inside Juan's jacket. A search turned up the weapon, which was loaded. Juan was suspended for a year, and criminal charges were filed against him. A Bronx family court kicked out the charges, ruling that the outline of the gun was not clearly visible. The slight bulge was not, in any particular shape or form, remotely suspicious, so the security guard had conducted an unreasonable search. The appellate court went a step further and said, since the guard improperly removed the gun, the boy should not have been suspended from school.

I think that is nuts. When I get on an airplane to fly to North Dakota, I have to walk through a metal detector. They want to know whether I have a weapon on my person. They also have a right to search my briefcase and my luggage, and they have a right to determine that the people who board that airplane have no guns or weapons on them.

This court says that a security guard, or teachers, or principals have no right to determine whether a student with a suspicious bulge in his clothing has a gun in his pocket or in his jacket as he walks down a hallway or sits in a classroom at a school in the Bronx. Where is the common sense here? Of course, we have a right to determine that no kids in schools have guns. When a court says that a school has no right to expel a student who was caught with a gun by a security guard who saw a bulge in the student's pocket, then there is something fundamentally wrong with that court.

Now, as I said, I wrote the provision 2 years ago that says there is zero tolerance for guns in schools, and there are certain penalties for every student who brings a gun to school anywhere in this country. That does not vary from New Mexico to Indiana to North Dakota. If you bring a gun, you are expelled—no ifs, ands, or buts. This court decision, along with some background on other court decisions that I just heard about this morning on television, so angered me—to believe that we have the capacity in a country like this to prevent people from bringing guns onto airplanes but we can't expel a kid who is caught with a gun in school.

I have a young son in school today. He is 9 years old. He is sitting in a classroom in a wonderful school. I, just like every other parent in this country, want to make certain that if there is any kid that comes into that school, or any other school, with a gun, our children are safe, and that someone can intercept those students, and if they find a gun, they are going to remove the gun and the student. We have every right to expect that to be the case in our schools.

This court decision, as I said, denies all common sense. I fully intend to pursue additional Federal legislation, if necessary, in order to remedy this sort of circumstance. A country that can decide that people who board airplanes can be searched—and we can make certain that people will not take guns in airplanes—ought to be able to decide that children in school will be free from having another child in a classroom or in the hallway packing a .45 or a .38.

Parents ought to be able to believe that security guards who intercept people with guns in schools will be able to remove those students. Not too long ago, at a school about 2 miles from where I stand, a young boy was shot. I had visited that school about a month before the young boy was shot. I went to a school with nine students in the senior class, in a town of 300. But I wanted to tour this inner-city school and see what it was like. As I walked in, I went through a metal detector, and I saw security guards. I went into a school that is in a lockdown state when the school day begins. When the students are in, the doors are locked. They have metal detectors and security guards to try to make certain there are no students bringing in weapons and no unauthorized people are coming through the doors. Frankly, the security was pretty good at that school. They felt that there was a need to have substantial security.

About a month or so after I toured that school, a young boy was in the basement of that school in the lunch room at a water fountain. Another young boy named Jerome bumped him at the water fountain. For bumping the boy at the water fountain, Jerome was shot four times. I just read about it in the papers. I didn't know Jerome. He was shot four times and he lay on the floor critically wounded. He survived those wounds. He graduated from school. I visited with Jerome a couple of times, just trying to understand what is happening in these schools. It was prior to my passing legislation here dealing with the issue of zero tolerance and guns in schools. I found it unusual that a school with that security still had a boy in the cafeteria with a gun—a gun available to shoot

someone who bumped him at a water fountain.

Now comes, this morning, a court case where this boy Juan was in school 4 years ago. It has taken that long for this case to get through the courts. This boy isn't even in school anymore. But the decision is that a security guard at school improperly removed a gun from the pocket of this student. I find this so preposterous. I know if we talk to the judges, they would give a million reasons why they reached this decision. I don't want 10 reasons or 5 reasons. I want one person to give me one reason why we ought to believe it is ever appropriate for a young student to put a pistol in his pocket in order to go to school in this country.

If we can't keep guns out of schools, we can't take the first baby step in dealing with this country's education problems. So I come to the floor to express enormous dismay over what I heard and read this morning and to say to those who are making these decisions: If need be, there will be Federal legislation, once again, telling those who are trying to keep guns out of our schools that you have the authority to do it. We are going to give school officials the ability to keep our children safe.

I am not antigun. I hunt. In my State we have great hunting. But guns have no place in schools. No kid ought to bring a pistol to school. Those who do ought not to be told by the courts that it is OK. They ought to be told by parents and security guards, and by the law in this country, that it is not OK. If necessary, we are going to pass Federal legislation to make that occur.

Mr. President, I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

Mr. EXON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

Mr. EXON. Before the distinguished Senator from North Dakota leaves the floor, I would like to ask him a question or two.

I have been listening, with keen interest, to his addressing this issue that I know he has been involved in for a long, long time. I have some comments to make on this. But I simply would like to ask him, who brought the action? Under whose auspices was the case filed that he has just addressed, where the decision came down yesterday? Where was this case and who brought the action?

Mr. DORGAN. Well, I say to the Senator from Nebraska, this was in an appellate court of New York State. I don't have, at this moment, the information about who brought the action. I assume that attorneys on behalf of the student, or the student's parents, brought an action against the school and, also, of course, contested the criminal charges. This student who brought a gun to school, which was then seized by the security guard, eventually had the criminal charges against him dropped.

Mr. EXON. Were there any other organizations involved in this, to your knowledge? Or was it just an individual action by a parent?

Mr. DORGAN. Well, other organizations are quoted in the press stories, but there is not a reference about whether they were involved in the case. So I will not use their names, except to say that my expectation is that there are organizations who would join parents of the student and who would contest these sorts of policies. But it is beyond my comprehension to understand how anyone can argue anywhere that it is appropriate under any circumstance for a kid to pack a weapon to go to school. If we can't as parents, as school administrators, and as public officials decide that our schools are places where kids can learn and feel safe in an environment in which they can learn, then we cannot solve our education problems in this country.

Mr. EXON. I have not seen the information that the Senator from North Dakota has. I guess I am specifically asking whether or not there were other organizations who hired attorneys or had attorneys there representing those who brought the action.

Mr. DORGAN. I will get that information. I do not feel comfortable giving you the names of the other organizations named in the news articles I have because I do not know whether they were actively involved in bringing the case. But I hope by Monday or so to have all of that information, and I will come to the floor again and provide it for the Senator.

Mr. EXON. I appreciate that very, very much. The fact that the Senator has the courage to stand up on the floor of the U.S. Senate and make such an obvious, commonsense argument encourages me that we are beginning to look at some of the real problems in America. One of the problems in America today is kids with guns. Certainly I would agree with my friend from North Dakota. If we are powerless to do anything about that, regardless of the status, the opinion, the background of one court, or one judge, then we are in serious trouble.

As a former Governor who had appointed lots of judges, I have never launched an attack on the courts per se because I think by and large the courts do a good job. Unfortunately, it is obvious to me from some of the recent decisions that I have seen on a whole series of areas—it indicates to me that perhaps all too often the courts think they are not the third branch of Government but they are the branch of Government, and they seemingly are becoming all powerful.

There was a time when the courts of the United States were somewhat restrained and did not become activists for causes. It seems to me that all too often those who are foremost in bringing these actions have scrutinized the judiciary to the point where they know what judge to go to on a certain issue and what judge would be most likely to go along with this particular point of view. To me, that is not a good comment on the judiciary that is supposed to be under the law, ones that make legitimate decisions based on law. And breaking new ground in the judiciary at one time was somewhat reserved. These days the judiciary is breaking more new ground more often and, in the opinion of this Senator, more wrongly than ever before.

So I will be looking forward to hearing the next comment on this.

Mr. DORGAN. I am mindful of the dilemma of criticizing the courts. I generally don't do that. I may have used some intemperate language today to do so, but I am a little tired of the judiciary saying, ''Well, you know, don't ever comment about us. We are over here way above comment.'' I called a judge one day when I picked up the Washington Post some while ago. A couple of people put a pistol to a man's head in a pizza delivery murder and killed him. The trigger man was let out on, I think, $10,000 bond by the judge. I read that story. I thought to myself, ''What on Earth are we doing?'' I called the judge. The judge says, ''How dare you call me. You have no right to call me.'' I said, ''Of course, I have a right to call you.'' It turned out a lot of other people in that community called him, and he decided to change the bail. That young fellow was brought back to jail and was subsequently convicted of murder and put into prison.

But the point is that I do not criticize the judiciary lightly. I do not want to taint the judiciary. The fact is a lot of people are doing a lot of wonderful work, I am sure. But there are times when you see decisions come out that are so unsound and so devoid of common sense.

I try to be mindful of the point about criticizing the judiciary. But, frankly, I think sometimes they deserve a little criticism. I am going to do it when I feel they have made decisions like this that we can remedy with some Federal legislation, and they should know it is coming.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I thank my friend. I find myself aligned almost identically with the viewpoints that the Senator has just addressed. I was very much interested to see how a judge resented the fact that a U.S. Senator called him asking the reasons for the decision that the judge had rendered. That takes me to the place that, while I recognize the courts as the legitimate third force of government, the courts are not sacrosanct, and the courts had better get off of the kick that they seem to be increasingly on, as evidenced at least by the one instance that the Senator from North Dakota addressed. Judges are human beings like all of us. Those of us who are in public service expect to receive criticism. That is what making hard decisions is all about.

But I simply say that, from what I know of the case that the Senator from North Dakota referenced today about the most recent decision, probably the most recent outrage by at least one

court against what thinking people are trying to do to provide at least some degree of safe haven for our kids in school, highlights the point that the Senator from North Dakota is making and this Senator from Nebraska is making about the way things are happening today. The three equal branches of Government—the executive, the judiciary, and the legislative—had better be looked on.

I say as a legislator to the courts, ''Do your job but don't trample on us as a second-class part of the equal three-part series of our Government that has served this Nation and this country so well for so very long.''

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, before I yield the floor, I will simply advise the Senate that we were ready to take up a bill that came out of the Justice Department, and I think through misunderstanding it was temporarily delayed. I simply say that the previous matter before the Senate that was temporarily set aside has now been cleared for action—the pipeline safety bill, with amendments. As the manager on this side on that bill, I am prepared to move ahead, if that is the will of the majority.

I thank the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair in his capacity as a Senator from Missouri suggests the absence of a quorum.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ACCOUNTABLE PIPELINE SAFETY AND PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 1996

Mr. EXON. May I inquire of the Chair, what is currently the procedure in the Senate and what matter are we on?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the pending business.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1505) to reduce risks to public safety and the environment associated with pipeline transportation of natural gas and hazardous liquid, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act of 1996''.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 49, United States Code.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 60101(a) is amended—

(1) by striking the periods at the end of paragraphs (1) through (22) and inserting semicolons;

(2) by striking paragraph (21)(B) and inserting the following:

''(B) does not include the gathering of gas, other than gathering through regulated gathering lines, in those rural locations that are located outside the limits of any incorporated or unincorporated city, town, or village, or any other designated residential or commercial area (including a subdivision, business, shopping center, or community development) or any similar populated area that the Secretary of Transportation determines to be a nonrural area, except that the term 'transporting gas' includes the movement of gas through regulated gathering lines;''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

''(23) 'risk management' means the systematic application, by the owner or operator of a pipeline facility, of management policies, procedures, finite resources, and practices to the tasks of identifying, analyzing, assessing, reducing, and controlling risk in order to protect employees, the general public, the environment, and pipeline facilities;

''(24) 'risk management plan' means a management plan utilized by a gas or hazardous liquid pipeline facility owner or operator that encompasses risk management; and

''(25) 'Secretary' means the Secretary of Transportation.''.

(b) GATHERING LINES.—Section 60101(b)(2) is amended by inserting '', if appropriate,'' after ''Secretary'' the first place it appears.

SEC. 4. GENERAL AUTHORITY.

(a) MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS.—Section 60102(a) is amended—

(1) by striking ''transporters of gas and hazardous liquid and to'' in paragraph (1)(A);

(2) by striking paragraph (1)(C) and inserting the following:

''(C) shall include a requirement that all individuals who operate and maintain pipeline facilities shall be qualified to operate and maintain the pipeline facilities.''; and

(3) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

''(2) The qualifications applicable to an individual who operates and maintains a pipeline facility shall address the ability to recognize and react appropriately to abnormal operating conditions that may indicate a dangerous situation or a condition exceeding design limits. The operator of a pipeline facility shall ensure that employees who operate and maintain the facility are qualified to operate and maintain the pipeline facilities.''.

(b) PRACTICABILITY AND SAFETY NEEDS STANDARDS.—Section 60102(b) is amended to read as follows:

''(b) PRACTICABILITY AND SAFETY NEEDS STANDARDS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—A standard prescribed under subsection (a) shall be—

''(A) practicable; and

''(B) designed to meet the need for—

''(i) gas pipeline safety, or safely transporting hazardous liquids, as appropriate; and

''(ii) protecting the environment.

''(2) FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.—When prescribing any standard under this section or section 60101(b), 60103, 60108, 60109, 60110, or 60113, the Secretary shall consider—

''(A) relevant available—

''(i) gas pipeline safety information;

''(ii) hazardous liquid pipeline safety information; and

''(iii) environmental information;

''(B) the appropriateness of the standard for the particular type of pipeline transportation or facility;

''(C) the reasonableness of the standard;

''(D) based on a risk assessment, the reasonably identifiable or estimated benefits expected to result from implementation or compliance with the standard;

''(E) based on a risk assessment, the reasonably identifiable or estimated costs expected to result from implementation or compliance with the standard;

''(F) comments and information received from the public; and

''(G) the comments and recommendations of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, or both, as appropriate.

''(3) RISK ASSESSMENT.—In prescribing a standard referred to in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall—

''(A) identify the regulatory and nonregulatory options that the Secretary considered in prescribing a proposed standard;

''(B) identify the costs and benefits associated with the proposed standard;

''(C) include—

''(i) an explanation of the reasons for the selection of the proposed standard in lieu of the other options identified; and

''(ii) with respect to each of those other options, a brief explanation of the reasons that the Secretary did not select the option; and

''(D) identify technical data or other information upon which the risk assessment information and proposed standard is based.

''(4) REVIEW.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

''(i) submit risk assessment information prepared under paragraph (3) of this subsection to the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, or both, as appropriate; and

''(ii) make that risk assessment information available to the general public.

''(B) PEER REVIEW PANELS.—The committees referred to in subparagraph (A) shall serve as peer review panels to review risk assessment information prepared under this section. Not later than 90 days after receiving risk assessment information for review pursuant to subparagraph (A), each committee that receives that risk assessment information shall prepare and submit to the Secretary a report that includes—

''(i) an evaluation of the merit of the data and methods used; and

''(ii) any recommended options relating to that risk assessment information and the associated standard that the committee determines to be appropriate.

''(C) REVIEW BY SECRETARY.—Not later than 90 days after receiving a report submitted by a committee under subparagraph (B), the Secretary—

''(i) shall review the report;

''(ii) shall provide a written response to the committee that is the author of the report concerning all significant peer review comments and recommended alternatives contained in the report; and

''(iii) may revise the risk assessment and the proposed standard before promulgating the final standard.

''(5) SECRETARIAL DECISIONMAKING.—Except where otherwise required by statute, the Secretary shall propose or issue a standard under this Chapter only upon a reasoned determination that the benefits of the intended standard justify its costs.

''(6) EXCEPTIONS FROM APPLICATION.—The requirements of this subsection do not apply when—

''(A) the standard is the product of a negotiated rulemaking, or other rulemaking including the adoption of industry standards that receives no significant adverse comment within 60 days of notice in the Federal Register;

''(B) based on a recommendation (in which three-fourths of the members voting concur) by the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, or both, as applicable, the Secretary waives the requirements; or

''(C) the Secretary finds, pursuant to section 553(b)(3)(B) of title 5, United States Code, that notice and public procedure are not required.

''(7) REPORT.—Not later than March 31, 2000, the Secretary shall transmit to the Congress a report that—

''(A) describes the implementation of the risk assessment requirements of this section, including the extent to which those requirements have improved regulatory decision making; and

''(B) includes any recommendations that the Secretary determines would make the risk assessment process conducted pursuant to the requirements under this chapter a more effective means of assessing the benefits and costs associated with alternative regulatory and nonregulatory options in prescribing standards under the Federal pipeline safety regulatory program under this chapter.''.

(c) FACILITY OPERATION INFORMATION STANDARDS.—The first sentence of section 60102(d) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''as required by the standards prescribed under this chapter'' after ''operating the facility'';

(2) by striking ''to provide the information'' and inserting ''to make the information available''; and

(3) by inserting ''as determined by the Secretary'' after ''to the Secretary and an appropriate State official''.

(d) PIPE INVENTORY STANDARDS.—The first sentence of section 60102(e) is amended—

(1) by striking ''and, to the extent the Secretary considers necessary, an operator of a gathering line that is not a regulated gather line (as defined under section 60101(b)(2) of this title),''; and

(2) by striking ''transmission'' and inserting ''transportation''.

(e) SMART PIGS.—

(1) MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS.—Section 60102(f) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(1) MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS.—The Secretary shall prescribe minimum safety standards requiring that—

''(A) the design and construction of new natural gas transmission pipeline or hazardous liquid pipeline facilities, and

''(B) when the replacement of existing natural gas transmission pipeline or hazardous liquid pipeline facilities or equipment is required, the replacement of such existing facilities be carried out, to the extent practicable, in a manner so as to accommodate the passage through such natural gas transmission pipeline or hazardous liquid pipeline facilities of instrumented internal inspection devices (commonly referred to as 'smart pigs'). The Secretary may extend such standards to require existing natural gas transmission pipeline or hazardous liquid pipeline facilities, whose basic construction would accommodate an instrumented internal inspection device to be modified to permit the inspection of such facilities with instrumented internal inspection devices.''.

(2) PERIODIC INSPECTIONS.—Section 60102(f)(2) is amended—

(A) by striking ''(2) Not later than'' and inserting the following:

''(2) PERIODIC INSPECTIONS.—Not later than''; and

(B) by inserting '', if necessary, additional'' after ''the Secretary shall prescribe''.

(f) UPDATING STANDARDS.—Section 60102 is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(l) UPDATING STANDARDS.—The Secretary shall, to the extent appropriate and practicable, update incorporated industry standards that have been adopted as part of the Federal pipeline safety regulatory program under this chapter.''.

SEC. 5. RISK MANAGEMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 601 is amended by adding at the end the following:

''§ 60126. Risk management

''(a) RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish risk management demonstration projects—

''(A) to demonstrate, through the voluntary participation by owners and operators of gas pipeline facilities and hazardous liquid pipeline facilities, the application of risk management; and

''(B) to evaluate the application of risk management referred to in subparagraph (A).

''(2) EXEMPTIONS.—In carrying out a demonstration project under this subsection, the Secretary, by order—

''(A) may exempt an owner or operator of the pipeline facility covered under the project (referred to in this subsection as a 'covered pipeline facility'), from the applicability of all or a portion of the requirements under this chapter that would otherwise apply to the covered pipeline facility; and

''(B) shall exempt, for the period of the project, an owner or operator of the covered pipeline facility, from the applicability of any new standard that the Secretary promulgates under this chapter during the period of that participation, with respect to the covered facility.

''(b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out a demonstration project under this section, the Secretary shall—

''(1) invite owners and operators of pipeline facilities to submit risk management plans for timely approval by the Secretary;

''(2) require, as a condition of approval, that a risk management plan submitted under this subsection contain measures that are designed to achieve an equivalent or greater overall level of safety than would otherwise be achieved through compliance with the standards contained in this chapter or promulgated by the Secretary under this chapter;

''(3) provide for—

''(A) collaborative government and industry training;

''(B) methods to measure the safety performance of risk management plans;

''(C) the development and application of new technologies;

''(D) the promotion of community awareness concerning how the overall level of safety will be maintained or enhanced by the demonstration project;

''(E) the development of models that categorize the risks inherent to each covered pipeline facility, taking into consideration the location, volume, pressure, and material transported or stored by that pipeline facility;

''(F) the application of risk assessment and risk management methodologies that are suitable to the inherent risks that are determined to exist through the use of models developed under subparagraph (E);

''(G) the development of project elements that are necessary to ensure that—

''(i) the owners and operators that participate in the demonstration project demonstrate that they are effectively managing the risks referred to in subparagraph (E); and

''(ii) the risk management plans carried out under the demonstration project under this subsection can be audited;

''(H) a process whereby an owner or operator of a pipeline facility is able to terminate a risk management plan or, with the approval of the Secretary, to amend, modify, or otherwise adjust a risk management plan referred to in paragraph (1) that has been approved by the Secretary pursuant to that paragraph to respond to—

''(i) changed circumstances; or

''(ii) a determination by the Secretary that the owner or operator is not achieving an overall level of safety that is at least equivalent to the level that would otherwise be achieved through compliance with the standards contained in this chapter or promulgated by the Secretary under this chapter; and

''(I) such other elements as the Secretary, with the agreement of the owners and operators that participate in the demonstration project under this section, determines to further the purposes of this section; and

''(4) in selecting participants for the demonstration project, take into consideration the past safety and regulatory performance of each applicant who submits a risk management plan pursuant to paragraph (1).

''(c) EMERGENCIES AND REVOCATIONS.—Nothing in this section diminishes or modifies the Secretary's authority under this title to act in case of an emergency. The Secretary may revoke any exemption granted under this section for substantial noncompliance with the terms and conditions of an approved risk management plan.

''(d) PARTICIPATION BY STATE AUTHORITY.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary may provide for consultation by a State that has in effect a certification under section 60105. To the extent that a demonstration project comprises an intrastate natural gas pipeline or an intrastate hazardous liquid pipeline facility, the Secretary may make an agreement with the State agency to carry out the duties of the Secretary for approval and administration of the project.

''(e) REPORT.—Not later than March 31, 2000, the Secretary shall transmit to the Congress a report on the results of the demonstration projects carried out under this section that includes—

''(1) an evaluation of each such demonstration project, including an evaluation of the performance of each participant in that project with respect to safety and environmental protection; and

''(2) recommendations concerning whether the applications of risk management demonstrated under the demonstration project should be incorporated into the Federal pipeline safety program under this chapter on a permanent basis.''.

(f) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 601 is amended by adding at the end the following:

''60126. Risk management.''.

SEC. 6. INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE.

Section 60108 is amended—

(1) by striking ''transporting gas or hazardous liquid or'' in subsection (a)(1) each place it appears;

(2) by striking the second sentence in subsection (b)(2);

(3) by striking ''NAVIGABLE WATERS'' in the heading for subsection (c) and inserting ''OTHER WATERS''; and

(4) by striking clause (ii) of subsection (c)(2)(A) and inserting the following:

''(ii) any other pipeline facility crossing under, over, or through waters where a substantial likelihood of commercial navigation exists, if the Secretary decides that the location of the facility in those waters could pose a hazard to navigation or public safety.''.

SEC. 7. HIGH-DENSITY POPULATION AREAS AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS.

(a) IDENTIFICATION.—Section 60109(a)(1)(B)(i) is amended by striking ''a navigable waterway (as the Secretary defines by regulation)'' and inserting ''waters where a substantial likelihood of commercial navigation exists''.

(b) UNUSUALLY SENSITIVE AREAS.—Section 60109(b) is amended to read as follows:

''(b) AREAS TO BE INCLUDED AS UNUSUALLY SENSITIVE.—When describing areas that are unusually sensitive to environmental damage if there is a hazardous liquid pipeline accident, the Secretary shall consider areas where a pipeline rupture would likely cause permanent or long-term environmental damage, including—

''(1) locations near pipeline rights-of-way that are critical to drinking water, including intake locations for community water systems and critical sole source aquifer protection areas; and

''(2) locations near pipeline rights-of-way that have been identified as critical wetlands, riverine or estuarine systems, national parks, wilderness areas, wildlife preservation areas or refuges, wild and scenic rivers, or critical habitat areas for threatened and endangered species.''.

SEC. 8. EXCESS FLOW VALVES.

Section 60110 is amended—

(1) by inserting '', if any,'' in the first sentence of subsection (b)(1) after ''circumstances'';

(2) by inserting '', operating, and maintaining'' in subsection (b)(4) after ''cost of installing'';

(3) by inserting '', maintenance, and replacement'' in subsection (c)(1)(C) after ''installation''; and

(4) by inserting after the first sentence in subsection (e) the following: ''The Secretary may adopt industry accepted performance standards in order to comply with the requirement under the preceding sentence.''.

SEC. 9. CUSTOMER-OWNED NATURAL GAS SERVICE LINES.

Section 60113 is amended—

(1) by striking the caption of subsection (a); and

(2) by striking subsection (b).

SEC. 10. TECHNICAL SAFETY STANDARDS COMMITTEES.

(a) PEER REVIEW.—Section 60115(a) is amended by adding at the end the following: ''The committees referred to in the preceding sentence shall serve as peer review committees for carrying out this chapter. Peer reviews conducted by the committees shall be treated for purposes of all Federal laws relating to risk assessment and peer review (including laws that take effect after the date of the enactment of the Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act of 1996) as meeting any peer review requirements of such laws.''.

(b) COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT.—Section 60115(b) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''or risk management principles'' in paragraph (1) before the period at the end;

(2) by inserting ''or risk management principles'' in paragraph (2) before the period at the end;

(3) by striking ''4'' in paragraph (3)(B) and inserting ''5'';

(4) by striking ''6'' in paragraph (3)(C) and inserting ''5'';

(5) by adding at the end of paragraph (4)(B) the following: ''At least 1 of the individuals selected for each committee under paragraph (3)(B) shall have education, background, or experience in risk assessment and cost-benefit analysis. The Secretary shall consult with the national organizations representing the owners and operators of pipeline facilities before selecting individuals under paragraph (3)(B).''; and

(6) by inserting after the first sentence of paragraph (4)(C) the following: ''At least 1 of the individuals selected for each committee under paragraph (3)(C) shall have education, background, or experience in risk assessment and cost-benefit analysis.''.

(c) COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Section 60115(c) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''including the risk assessment information and other analyses supporting each proposed standard'' before the semicolon in paragraph (1)(A);

(2) by inserting ''including the risk assessment information and other analyses supporting each proposed standard'' before the period in paragraph (1)(B);

(3) by inserting ''and supporting analyses'' before the first comma in the first sentence of paragraph (2);

(4) by inserting ''and submit to the Secretary'' in the first sentence of paragraph (2) after ''prepare'';

(5) by inserting ''cost-effectiveness,'' in the first sentence of paragraph (2) after ''reasonableness,''; and

(6) by inserting ''and include in the report recommended actions'' before the period at the end of the first sentence of paragraph (2); and

(7) by inserting ''any recommended actions and'' in the second sentence of paragraph (2) after ''including''.

(d) MEETINGS.—Section 60115(e) is amended by striking ''twice'' and inserting ''up to 4 times''.

(e) EXPENSES.—Section 60115(f) is amended—

(1) by striking ''PAY AND'' in the subsection heading;

(2) by striking the first 2 sentences; and

(3) by inserting ''of a committee under this section'' after ''A member''.

SEC. 11. PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

Section 60116 is amended—

(1) by striking ''person transporting gas'' and inserting ''owner or operator of a gas pipeline facility'';

(2) by inserting ''the use of a one-call notification system prior to excavation,'' after ''educate the public on''; and

(3) by inserting a comma after ''gas leaks''.

SEC. 12. ADMINISTRATIVE.

Section 60117 is amended—

(1) by adding at the end of subsection (b) the following: ''The Secretary may require owners and operators of gathering lines to provide the Secretary information pertinent to the Secretary's ability to make a determination as to whether and to what extent to regulate gathering lines.'';

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following:

''(k) AUTHORITY FOR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—To carry out this chapter, the Secretary may enter into grants, cooperative agreements, and other transactions with any person, agency, or instrumentality of the United States, any unit of State or local government, any educational institution, or any other entity to further the objectives of this chapter. The objectives of this chapter include the development, improvement, and promotion of one-call damage prevention programs, research, risk assessment, and mapping.''; and

(3) by striking ''transporting gas or hazardous liquid'' in subsection (b) and inserting ''owning''.

SEC. 13. COMPLIANCE.

(a) Section 60118 (a) is amended—

(1) by striking ''transporting gas or hazardous liquid or'' in subsection (a); and

(2) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(1) comply with applicable safety standards prescribed under this chapter, except as provided in this section or in section 60126;''.

(b) Section 60118 (b) is amended to read as follows:

''(b) COMPLIANCE ORDERS.—The Secretary of Transportation may issue orders directing compliance with this chapter, an order under section 60126, or a regulation prescribed under this chapter. An order shall state clearly the action a person must take to comply.''.

(c) Section 60118(c) is amended by striking ''transporting gas or hazardous liquid'' and inserting ''owning''.

SEC. 14. DAMAGE REPORTING.

Section 60123(d)(2) is amended—

(1) by striking ''or'' at the end of subparagraph (A);

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (C); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

''(B) a pipeline facility that does not report the damage promptly to the operator of the pipeline facility and to other appropriate authorities; or''.

SEC. 15. BIENNIAL REPORTS.

(a) BIENNIAL REPORTS.—

(1) SECTION HEADING.—The section heading of section 60124 is amended to read as follows:

''§ 60124. Biennial reports''.

(2) REPORTS.—Section 60124(a) is amended by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: ''Not later than August 15, 1997, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit to Congress a report on carrying out this chapter for the 2 immediately preceding calendar years for gas and a report on carrying out this chapter for such period for hazardous liquid.''.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 601 is amended by striking the item relating to section 60124 and inserting the following:

''60124. Biennial reports.''.

SEC. 16. POPULATION ENCROACHMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 601, as amended by section 5, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

''§ 60127. Population encroachment

''(a) LAND USE RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Secretary of Transportation shall make available to an appropriate official of each State, as determined by the Secretary, the land use recommendations of the special report numbered 219 of the Transportation Research Board, entitled 'Pipelines and Public Safety'.

''(b) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall—

''(1) evaluate the recommendations in the report referred to in subsection (a);

''(2) determine to what extent the recommendations are being implemented;

''(3) consider ways to improve the implementation of the recommendations; and

''(4) consider other initiatives to further improve awareness of local planning and zoning entities regarding issues involved with population encroachment in proximity to the rights-of-way of any interstate gas pipeline facility or interstate hazardous liquid pipeline facility.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 601 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 60126 the following:

''60127. Population encroachment.''.

SEC. 17. USER FEES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall transmit to the Congress a report analyzing the present assessment of pipeline safety user fees solely on the basis of mileage to determine whether—

(1) that measure of the resources of the Department of Transportation is the most appropriate measure of the resources used by the Department of Transportation in the regulation of pipeline transportation; or

(2) another basis of assessment would be a more appropriate measure of those resources.

(b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In making the report, the Secretary shall consider a wide range of assessment factors and suggestions and comments from the public.

SEC. 18. DUMPING WITHIN PIPELINE RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

(a) AMENDMENT.—Chapter 601, as amended by section 16, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

''§ 60128. Dumping within pipeline rights-of-way

''(a) PROHIBITION.—No person shall excavate for the purpose of unauthorized disposal within the right-of-way of an interstate gas pipeline facility or interstate hazardous liquid pipeline facility, or any other limited area in the vicinity of any such interstate pipeline facility established by the Secretary of Transportation, and dispose solid waste therein.

''(b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term 'solid waste' has the meaning given that term in section 1004(27) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6903(27)).''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) CROSS-REFERENCE.—Section 60123(a) is amended by striking ''or 60118(a)'' and inserting '', 60118(a), or 60128''.

(2) CHAPTER ANALYSIS.—The analysis for chapter 601 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

''60128. Dumping within pipeline rights-of-way.''.

SEC. 19. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE TO PIPELINE FACILITIES.

Section 60117(a) is amended by inserting after ''and training activities'' the following: ''and promotional activities relating to prevention of damage to pipeline facilities''.

SEC. 20. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

*(a) SECTION 60105.—The heading for section 60105 is amended by inserting ''**pipeline safety program**'' after ''**State**''.*

*(b) SECTION 60106.—The heading for section 60106 is amended by inserting ''**pipeline safety**'' after ''**State**''.*

*(c) SECTION 60107.—The heading for section 60107 is amended by inserting ''**pipeline safety**'' after ''**State**''.*

(d) SECTION 60114.—Section 60114 is amended—

(1) by striking ''60120, 60122, and 60123'' in subsection (a)(9) and inserting ''60120 and 60122'';

(2) by striking subsections (b) and (d); and

(3) by redesignating subsections (c) and (e) as subsections (b) and (d), respectively.

(e) CHAPTER ANALYSIS.—The analysis for chapter 601 is amended—

(1) by inserting ''pipeline safety program'' in the item relating to section 60105 after ''State'';

(2) by inserting ''pipeline safety'' in the item relating to section 60106 after ''State''; and

(3) by inserting ''pipeline safety'' in the item relating to section 60107 after ''State''.

(f) SECTION 60101.—Section 60101(b) is amended by striking ''define by regulation'' each place it appears and inserting ''prescribe standards defining''.

(g) SECTION 60102.—Section 60102 is amended by striking ''regulations'' each place it appears in subsections (f)(2), (i), and (j)(2) and inserting ''standards''.

(h) SECTION 60108.—Section 60108 is amended—

(1) by striking ''regulations'' in subsections (c)(2)(B), (c)(4)(B), and (d)(3) and inserting ''standards''; and

(2) by striking ''require by regulation'' in subsection (c)(4)(A) and inserting ''establish a standard''.

(i) SECTION 60109.—Section 60109(a) is amended by striking ''regulations'' and inserting ''standards''.

(j) SECTION 60110.—Section 60110 is amended by striking ''regulations'' in subsections (b), (c)(1), and (c)(2) and inserting ''standards''.

(k) SECTION 60113.—Section 60113(a) is amended by striking ''regulations'' and inserting ''standards''.

SEC. 21. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) GAS AND HAZARDOUS LIQUID.—Section 60125 is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following new subsection:

''(a) GAS AND HAZARDOUS LIQUID.—To carry out this chapter (except for sections 60107 and 60114(b)) related to gas and hazardous liquid, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Transportation—

''(1) $19,448,000 for fiscal year 1996;

''(2) $20,028,000 for fiscal year 1997, of which $14,600,000 is to be derived from user fees for fiscal year 1997 collected under section 60301 of this title;

''(3) $20,729,000 for fiscal year 1998, of which $15,100,000 is to be derived from user fees for fiscal year 1998 collected under section 60301 of this title;

''(4) $21,442,000 for fiscal year 1999, of which $15,700,000 is to be derived from user fees for fiscal year 1999 collected under section 60301 of this title''; and

''(5) $22,194,000 for fiscal year 2000, of which $16,300,000 is to be derived from user fees for fiscal year 2000 collected under section 60301 of this title.''.

(b) STATE GRANTS.—Section 60125(c)(1) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(D) $12,000,000 for fiscal year 1996.

''(E) $14,000,000 for fiscal year 1997, of which $12,500,000 is to be derived from user fees for fiscal year 1997 collected under section 60301 of this title.

''(F) $14,490,000 for fiscal year 1998, of which $12,900,000 is to be derived from user fees for fiscal year 1998 collected under section 60301 of this title.

''(G) $15,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, of which $13,300,000 is to be derived from user fees for fiscal year 1999 collected under section 60301 of this title.

''(H) $15,524,000 for fiscal year 2000, of which $13,700,000 is to be derived from user fees for fiscal year 2000 collected under section 60301 of this title.''.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, as I understand it, the manager of the bill on the other side will be here briefly. Since this matter is now before the Senate, I would like to proceed with a statement on this particular measure. I assure all that contrary to the misunderstanding of half an hour ago, I am convinced that all possible disagreement with certain points of the bill had been earlier cleared today. The bill I believe is ready for acceptance on both sides of the aisle, so I will, since the measure, S. 1505, is before us, continue with my statement on the bill, with the hopes that the manager on the other side will be here and ready to act on the measure, and we will not attempt to act on the measure until the majority representative is here.

Mr. President, the amendment in the nature of a substitute to S. 1505, the Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act of 1996, is an important piece of legislation. We worked this out in the Commerce Committee. We have worked out some word and language concerns with other Members of the Senate, and I think the measure is ready to pass.

Pipeline safety is an extremely important issue for me. I have tried during my years in the Senate to give the issue of pipeline safety the visibility that it deserves, which it did not receive previously. I am very proud of what the Senate has been able to accomplish in this important area.

Just to name one such recent effort, we can point to the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 1991. With favorable Senate action on the Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act today, we will continue our efforts to make gas and hazardous liquid pipelines safer and to do it while allowing the pipeline industry to continue to provide effective and efficient service to the Nation's consumers, as they obviously do today.

The bill is aptly named. After long negotiations between the regulators, the Department of Transportation Office of Pipeline Safety, and the pipeline industry, the parties agree that this bill can create a working partnership to improve pipeline safety while allowing the safe pipelines to operate with a reduced regulatory burden and allowing the OPS to put its resources where and when the problems exist. In other words, putting cops on the beat in the neighborhoods that need them.

The cornerstone of this bill is the risk management program. The program would allow the Secretary of Transportation to establish criteria under which the pipeline owners and operators can present pipeline safety plans that provide at least an equivalent level of safety with the level of safety already provided by the existing OPS regulations. In return for participation in the program, the eligible pipeline owner will be allowed to operate free of regulations that the Secretary determines are no longer necessary in light of the facility's safety plan.

In return, the OPS can concentrate its resources on those pipeline facilities, the safety record of which can and should be improved. I believe that the parties have agreed to a workable plan for increasing the safety of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines while reducing the regulatory burden on the affected industries. I ask my Senate colleagues to join in supporting this legislation.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to speak for up to 5 minutes as if in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EDUCATION FUNDING

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I wanted to address for just a few minutes the issue I spoke about yesterday, and that is the level of support we are providing in this Congress to education. I wanted to do it by showing some charts that I was shown yesterday which I think are particularly instructive. Let me just put them up for the benefit of my colleagues so that they can see what we are talking about.

There are really two items on this first chart. The first is projected enrollment. You see here, starting in 1996, we have 52 million students enrolled and by the year 2002 that goes up to 70 million. We are seeing that kind of increase and even more of a percentage increase in my State, in States like New Mexico, where there is substantial growth in population.

This chart also shows the funding proposal which was in the budget resolution that was adopted last year during the Congress, and that is to go from $39.5 billion in 1995 down to $35

billion, an absolute cut of over $4 billion in that period. This is an issue about which I think there is some confusion. As I travel around my State, people say, well, there is really not a cut in education being considered; it is only a cut in the level of increase.

That is not accurate. This is a cut. When you go from $39.5 billion in 1995 to $35 billion in 2002, that is a cut that is not a cut in the rate of increase.

Mr. President, this second chart makes the same point. That is, each year up until the last few years, we had seen an increase in education. Some years it was a modest increase, some years it was a more significant increase, but there was always some increase and there was bipartisan agreement to do that. Beginning in fiscal year 1995 this Congress for the first time saw a $3.7 billion cut and, of course, we are trying to reduce the level of that cut this year.

Another chart which makes the same point, Mr. President, is this one which says ''Education Is Cut $3.2 Billion From the Original FY 1995 Program Level Spending.''

This shows in 1995 through rescissions of spending in that year we eliminated $600 million; in the fiscal year 1996 appropriations, it was a cumulative $1.1 billion cut; the 1997 House appropriation was a $1.5 billion cut and the total funding loss from the original 1995 level is $3.2 billion.

Mr. President, let me just show this final chart here which I think makes the obvious point that I think all Americans would understand, and that is that our ''Unmet Education Needs'' are large and growing. This shows that in the school year 1994 through 1995, there were 10 million students eligible for title I funding—that is, they attended schools where the income level was such that they should have been receiving title I funding. Only 6.5 million of them actually received it. There were 3.5 million students in that school year who were not able to receive the funding because of funding levels. When you combine this chart with the first of the charts that I showed, which is the increase in enrollment that our schools are experiencing, you can see the problem is growing worse, and that is the only point I am trying to make here.

In this last 2 weeks of the session, I hope very much we can get back to the 1995 funding level for education. It is a small request to make. I think it is one that is certainly justified.

I appreciate the chance to point out these charts to my colleagues.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ACCOUNTABLE PIPELINE SAFETY AND PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 1995

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I am pleased we are considering S. 1505, the Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act of 1996. This is needed and important legislation, and I urge my colleagues' full and enthusiastic support.

On June 6, 1996, S. 1505 was amended by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and ordered to be reported without objection. I also have one technical amendment that I believe has been cleared by the majority and the minority.

S. 1505 reauthorizes appropriations for Natural Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Programs and seeks to reduce the risks and enhance environmental protection associated with pipeline transportation. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I want to take a moment to highlight some of the most important provisions of S. 1505.

But first, Mr. President, I want to share some brief background on how S. 1505 reached this point. It was a long, but fruitful journey.

Last December, our distinguished majority leader, Mr. LOTT, introduced S. 1505. Mr. LOTT's original bill was cosponsored by Mr. BREAUX, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. EXON, Mr. BURNS, Mr. FORD, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. INHOFE, and myself.

S. 1505 was based on a bill (H.R. 1323) pending in the House. The House legislation had been approved by two panels, but it has not been debated on the House floor. Because of the majority leader's initiative, emphasis shifted to our Chamber.

On April 16, my committee held a hearing on pipeline transportation safety and S. 1505. At the hearing, pipeline owners and operators, as well as Federal and State safety regulators, voiced their individual views on how to reauthorize and enhance pipeline safety.

At the hearing, I stated my view that with a little give and take, we could reach agreement on how best to improve pipeline safety. I am pleased that our efforts succeeded.

The text of S. 1505 reflects an agreement reached over several months. The negotiators in this process represented two offices in the Department of Transportation DOT—one of which was the Office of Pipeline Safety OPS—natural gas pipeline operators, hazardous liquid pipeline operators, and majority and minority committee staff. Valuable input was also received from the dedicated staff of the Congressional Research Service and groups like the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives and the Natural Resources Defense Council. I commend the work of all those involved.

Mr. President, I have been involved with pipeline safety issues for several years. A vast network of underground pipes safely transports fuel to our homes and businesses.

National Transportation Safety Board statistics show pipelines to be one of the safest modes of transportation. Among all modes—highway, rail, aviation, marine, and pipeline—fatalities from pipeline accidents represent less than 3/1000 of 1 percent of the total number of transportation fatalities on an annual basis.

At the same time, we must do everything possible to prevent natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline transportation accidents. A few years ago, a pipeline leak occurred near Sioux Falls in my home State of South Dakota. I met with Federal, state and local officials at the time to discuss many public health and safety aspects of pipeline transportation. I also initiated efforts to improve hazardous liquid pipeline inspection programs and to add inspectors to focus on States like South Dakota that did not have their own hazardous liquid pipeline safety programs.

Through this experience, I came to realize that pipeline transportation is one of the United States' most unique transportation modes. There are individual product characteristics and product-specific types of piping materials. A subterranean network of underground pipelines runs under farms, rural communities, suburbs, metropolitan regions, rivers, and environmentally sensitive areas. Given this unique transportation environment, it became clear that a single uniform set of safety standards cannot effectively address all risks.

S. 1505 responds to this unique pipeline operating environment by applying a simple, flexible, commonsense risk assessment and cost-benefit analysis for new pipeline safety standards. The legislation moves pipeline safety away from prescriptive, command-and-control approaches and focuses future standards on actions that address assessed safety risks.

S. 1505 also provides statutory authority for the Office of Pipeline Safety to initiate the risk management demonstration project it has had under development for 2 years. Under the demonstration program, pipeline operators would be given more flexibility in applying their resources to solutions that best fit their unique pipeline operation problems.

As I mentioned earlier, the technical provision at the desk to be added to S. 1505 has been cleared by both the majority and the minority. The language in the provision provides for the opportunity for public comment in a demonstration project's approval process.

The Office of Pipeline Safety testified that there ''are too many variations'' in pipeline operations to think ''we in Washington are in a position to mandate solutions to fit all problems.''

I wholeheartedly agree. One-size-fits-all regulations do not and cannot address the thousands of differences between pipeline operations nationwide.

S. 1505 is a responsible bill and it represents sound public policy. The risk assessment and risk management provisions of the legislation rest on the foundation already built by the Office of Pipeline Safety. The bill also builds on initiatives undertaken at OPS to focus its regulatory and programmatic agenda on the most important public safety and environmental protection standards.

Aside from the risk assessment and risk management provisions, S. 1505 contains many other noteworthy provisions. Although I cannot mention each one individually, I do want to touch on one particular issue.

States currently represent more than 90 percent of the State/Federal inspector work force that oversees pipelines nationwide. For more than two decades, OPS has leveraged its resources, thereby increasing its pipeline inspection capabilities, by reimbursing States for up to fifty percent of their program costs. This leverage is a key link in the pipeline safety network. I am pleased that despite severe budget pressures, S. 1505 maintains this important State/Federal cost-sharing partnership.

Mr. President, I again want to thank all those involved in bringing S. 1505 to the floor today. I want to again acknowledge the role the majority leader played. S. 1505's development and evolution was difficult, but the end result is a bill worthy of enactment.

Also, I would like to cite the staff who did a great deal of work:

Charlotte Casey, Tom Hohenthaner, and Paddy Link of the majority staff of the Commerce Committee; Carl Biersack with Senator LOTT; Clyde Hart, Carl Bentzel and Jim Drewry of the minority staff of the Commerce Committee; and Chris McLean with Senator EXON.

Mr. President, I have completed my statement. On this side of the aisle, we are ready to proceed. At this time, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

Mr. EXON. Will the Senator withhold that? Mr. President, has he offered a manager's amendment? We have it here now. It is his amendment. You must have it. We approve it as drafted. Therefore, I suggest if the Senator will go ahead and offer that, we can probably pass the bill.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to send modifications to the committee substitute to the desk and ask that the committee substitute, as modified, be considered as original text for purpose of further amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The committee amendment is so modified.

The modifications are as follows:

On page 48, line 4, strike ''and''.

On page 48, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

''(J) an opportunity for public comment in the approval process; and

On page 44, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

(g) MAPPING.—Section 60102(c) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

''(4) PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS.—

''(A) Not later than one year after the date of enactment of Accountable Pipeline Safety and Accountability Act of 1996, and annually thereafter, the owner or operator of each interstate gas pipeline facility shall provide to the governing body of each municipality in which the interstate gas pipeline facility is located, a map identifying the location of such facility; and

''(B)(i) Not later than June 1, 1998, the Secretary shall survey and assess the public education programs under section 60116 and the public safety programs under section 60102(c) and determine their effectiveness and applicability as components of a model program. In particular, the survey shall include the methods by which operators notify residents of the location of the facility and its right of way, public information regarding existing One-Call programs, and appropriate procedures to be followed by residents of affected municipalities in the event of accidents involving interstate gas pipeline facilities.

''(ii) Not later than one year after the survey and assessment are completed, the Secretary shall institute a rulemaking to determine the most effective public safety and education program components and promulgate if appropriate, standards implementing those components on a nationwide basis. In the event that the Secretary finds that promulgation of such standards are not appropriate, the Secretary shall report to Congress the reasons for that finding.''.

(h) REMOTE CONTROL.—Section 60102(j) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

''(3) REMOTELY CONTROLLED VALVES.—(A) Not later than June 1, 1998, the Secretary shall survey and assess the effectiveness of remotely controlled valves to shut off the flow of natural gas in the event of a rupture of an interstate natural gas pipeline facility and shall make a determination about whether the use of remotely controlled valves is technically and economically feasible and would reduce risks associated with a rupture of an interstate natural gas pipeline facility.

''(B) Not later than one year after the survey and assessment are completed, if the Secretary has determined that the use of remotely controlled valves is technically and economically feasible and would reduce risks associated with a rupture of an interstate natural gas pipeline facility, the Secretary shall prescribe standards under which an operator of an interstate natural gas pipeline facility must use a remotely controlled valve. These standards shall include but not be limited to requirements for high-density population areas.''

On page 38, beginning in line 1, strike ''In prescribing a standard referred to in paragraph (2),'' and inserts ''In conducting a risk assessment referred to in subparagraph (D) and (E) of paragraph (2),''.

On page 38, line 22, insert ''any'' after ''submit''.

On page 40, line 15, strike ''this subsection'' and insert ''subparagraphs (D) and (E) of paragraph (2)''.

On page 41, line 13, strike ''improved regulatory decision making'' and insert ''affected regulatory decision making and pipeline safety''.

On page 45, strike lines 1 and 2 and insert the following:

''(B) to evaluate the safety and cost-effectiveness of the program.''

Mr. EXON. Have we adopted the manager's amendment?

Mr. PRESSLER. Yes.

Mr. EXON. It was my hope, Mr. President, that we were ready to pass the bill. It was my hope that we would pass the bill in wrap-up last night. That was not possible. It was my hope that we would wrap it up and pass it earlier today at noon. That was not possible.

It was my hope, Mr. President, that we could wrap it up now. I am advised that is not possible, and the responsibility at this time is on this side of the aisle, I say to my friends on the other side of the aisle. The measure is open to amendment, and if anyone ever wonders why it takes so long to get anything done in the U.S. Senate, after endless hours of consultation, double consultation, this is a typical case in point. Therefore, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I join that request for a quorum call, but I just would like to join in those remarks 100 percent. I might also take this opportunity to say that I am in the process of placing a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD relative to what a great Senator Senator EXON has been in the Senate and what a great colleague he has been to work with.

I share his frustration at this moment. He is a lucky man in that he is retiring from this body, so he will not have these frustrations in the future. I do not think they are going to change very much, but I am equally frustrated. We are ready to pass this bill on this side of the aisle. Whenever you give me the nod, we will go.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I thank my friend from South Dakota for those kind remarks. I simply say to him that I was misinformed. I will check into this. I will see who in the world it is that wants to make an amendment to this measure but is not here to do it in an orderly fashion. I will report back to the Senate and to my friend from South Dakota as soon as I am able to get that information, if I can get the information.

Mr. PRESSLER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jim Sartucci, a Coast Guard Fellow with the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, be granted floor privileges today and during Senate consideration of H.R. 1350, an act to amend the Merchant Marine Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. PRESSLER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I might proceed for 5 minutes as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO THE U.S. HOCKEY TEAM

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I will take a moment to pay tribute to the U.S. hockey team. As many of my colleagues may know, Team USA won the World Cup of Hockey last Saturday night with a decisive 5–2 victory over Canada.

This was an extraordinary tournament. All the traditional hockey powers—countries such as Canada, Russia, and Sweden—sent their very best players to this competition. Unlike the Olympics, in which the teams have been made up principally of amateur players, these players were strictly professionals. It was the best in the world against the best in the world.

At the outset, the Americans were the underdogs. In the end, however, not only did we win, but we dominated play throughout the tournament.

As an American, I was thrilled to read about Team USA's outstanding performance. But I am particularly proud of this team's accomplishments as a Rhode Islander.

The team was assembled by Lou Lamoriello—a native of Rhode Island and a former head coach of the Providence College hockey team. Lou is now the president and general manager of the New Jersey Devils.

The team's assistant general manager was Jack Ferreira, a graduate of LaSalle Academy in Providence, and a former assistant coach for Brown University.

The team was coached by Ron Wilson. He grew up in East Providence and played hockey for Providence College. He's now the head coach of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Defenseman Mathieu Schneider is a graduate of Mount Saint Charles High School in Woonsocket, RI.

The athletic trainer, Peter Demers, a long-time trainer for the Los Angeles Kings, is originally from Pawtucket.

To top it off, the team trained at Providence College's Schneider Arena.

So you can see that this team had a distinct Rhode Island flavor to it. And so, I join with all Rhode Islanders and Americans in congratulating the U.S. hockey team for their marvelous achievement.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from West Virginia is recognized.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, has the Pastore rule expired?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It has not expired.

Mr. BYRD. It has not? Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak out of order for not to exceed 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Hearing no objection, the Senator is recognized for 15 minutes.

Mr. BYRD. I thank the Chair.

SENATOR DAVID PRYOR

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, Senator DAVID PRYOR is retiring from the Senate at the end of this session after giving 18 years of exceptional service to the people of Arkansas and to the Nation. His quiet, thoughtful manner, his unfailing good humor, his wise counsel, and his natural leadership will be missed here.

I think of that quotation from Edmund Burke, the great Irish statesman, orator, and writer, who observed in his ''Reflections on the Revolution in France'':

> Because half a dozen grasshoppers under a fern make the field ring with their importunate chink, whilst thousands of great cattle, reposed beneath the shadow of the British oak, chew the cud and are silent, pray do not imagine that those who make the noise are the only inhabitants of the field . . .

The Congress is an open field for serenading grasshoppers, who make a lot of noise unmatched by significant accomplishment. Senator PRYOR, on the other hand, shuns the limelight of the Senate stage to devote his energies to quietly and tenaciously improving living conditions for American citizens, particularly the elderly.

Senator PRYOR began his political career in Arkansas investigating abuses in nursing homes, even working undercover as an orderly to gather firsthand evidence. As the Chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging for 6 years, Senator PRYOR has led the crusade to protect America's elderly and to oversee Medicare. On the health care front, Senator PRYOR labored valiantly to craft a workable solution to the massive health care reform effort in the last Congress.

His concern for the elderly has led Senator PRYOR to become an expert on, and a vocal critic of, the prices pharmaceutical companies charge for prescription drugs. And he has matched his criticism with action. Senator PRYOR was instrumental in requiring drug companies to charge the same prices to state-federal Medicaid programs for the poor as they do to other bulk-drug purchasers.

During this Congress, Senator PRYOR has led a fight to close a loophole in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade legislation that creates a windfall for name-brand pharmaceutical companies by protecting them from generic competition under GATT. This loophole, a creation of error rather than of intent, means that consumers, and especially pensioners dependent on prescriptions that eat up a large percentage of their fixed incomes, are paying more for their prescriptions than otherwise would have been the case. I am proud to have supported Senator PRYOR's tenacious and repeated efforts to remedy this problem. Although unsuccessful to date, Senator PRYOR's leadership on this important issue merits its commendation.

On the Finance Committee, Senator PRYOR has consistently worked to improve the notoriously painful interactions between the IRS and individual taxpayers. On the Agriculture Committee, he has championed issues important to the hardworking farmers laboring in the cotton and rice fields of Arkansas. This search for a balm to smooth the rough edges of life, to offer oil to calm the troubled waters of public exchange, is characteristic of the gentle Senator from Arkansas.

In the behind-the-scenes life of the Senate, Senator PRYOR has worked to encourage civility and order. He has provided leadership as the Secretary of the Democratic Conference in the 102nd and 103rd Congresses. He built the consensus that over a decade ago introduced family-friendly procedural changes, some of which are still in effect today, that restored some discipline to the way this body conducts its business. The time limits on votes and the recess schedule that we still attempt to follow are the lasting fruits of his labors.

Senator PRYOR has not limited his concern for family time to Senators alone. He cast a critical vote to override President Bush's veto of the Family and Medical Leave Act in the 102nd Congress, helping to provide a safety net for family members to look after a newborn, or a sick or dying relative, without risking the loss of their job.

Another way in which Senator PRYOR has enriched the life of the Senate and demonstrated his sincere devotion to young people is his continuing consideration for the Senate pages. These young people, whom we see every day on the floor and busily running our errands throughout the Capitol complex, have come from around the Nation to learn from us, as well as to assist us. Whether from large cities or rural areas, few, if any, of these young people are ever fully prepared for the demands and challenges of life on Capitol Hill, as many of us are not, until they have plunged into the midst of it. Having been a page himself, Senator PRYOR knows firsthand that sometimes the learning part of this heady experience can be swamped under the working part.

But he makes the time and takes the time to talk with the pages—and that

is quite a learning experience, for those of us who take the time to talk with them; I have often done that over the years—and to share with them his insight and his wisdom, to decipher for them the importance of what might be occurring on the floor, and to listen to their questions and their concerns.

His interest in them is genuine, and it has made him a favorite of generations of pages. This is yet another facet of the quiet but extraordinary legacy of courtesy and accomplishment bequeathed to the Senate and to the Nation by Senator PRYOR.

Mr. President, I thank Senator PRYOR for his service to the Senate and to the Nation. He has not trumpeted his ambitions, not made big noises like half a dozen grasshoppers under a fern, but has led by example, earning the genuine esteem and respect of his colleagues and the admiration of so many others whose lives he has touched. I wish him good health and happiness in his retirement. As he listens to the crickets chirping in the Arkansas dusk, raising their noisy chorus to the rising Arkansas moon, I hope that he remembers us as fondly as we will remember him.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. PRESSLER addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. PRESSLER] is recognized.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I want to commend our former majority leader on his great remarks about DAVID PRYOR. His remarks have inspired me to say a few words about DAVID. I have been trying to say a few words about each retiring Senator. But DAVID PRYOR has been a friend of mine. In fact, I have been down to Arkansas to his charitable event that he has to raise money in Texarkana several times. I have also been down to Little Rock to speak at college events. I feel that I have gotten to know DAVID and Barbara Pryor quite well.

He is a legendary figure in this body because he is, I think, one of the President's best friends, and DAVID PRYOR can go straight to the President with certain information or projects. That is an unusual responsibility for a Senator to have.

But he is sort of a legendary U.S. Senator in that he came here as a page, I believe. He was in the House of Representatives when I was over in the House. I have followed his career for a number of years with great admiration.

I shall miss DAVID PRYOR a great deal. He has done a lot of legislation. I serve with him on the Senate Finance Committee. I serve with him on the Senate Committee on Aging. But more than that, he is my friend. I shall miss DAVID PRYOR. We all come and go. DAVID PRYOR is leaving a little early, in my opinion, and I shall miss him very much. I join in those wonderful remarks paying tribute to Senator DAVID PRYOR of Arkansas.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. SNOWE). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. PRESSLER. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. PRESSLER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. PRESSLER. Madam President, I objected regarding the Pipeline Safety Act, which I am trying very hard to pass. I will not object if the Senator desires to discuss issues unrelated.

Mr. KENNEDY. I would like to discuss an unrelated matter. If it becomes apparent that you can move ahead in terms of final disposition, I will withhold further comments. If I could, I ask unanimous consent to proceed with what I expect to be 12 or 15 minutes on the issue of education.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EDUCATION

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, on Tuesday, the Republicans announced, with great fanfare, an education amendment that is a day late and $800 million short. It restores $2.3 billion of $3.1 billion necessary to meet the President's request for fiscal year 1997. But this amendment is hardly motivated by concern for the students of America. It is an election-eve conversion, and the American people should not be fooled.

As costs, student enrollments and college debts soar, the Republicans are offering ''education lite.'' The increase they offer falls well short of the funding needed just to keep pace with inflation and enrollment increases.

Senator LOTT himself admitted the amendment was designed to meet the political needs of the Republican Party, not the educational needs of American students. Senator LOTT said on Tuesday, ''We can either get our brains beat out politically, or we can get in there and mix it up with them, and that's what we are going to do.''

Republicans are running scared from the fact that the American people support education. Their change of heart is cynical and hypocritical, and it will not last past the November election.

What TRENT LOTT gives with one hand, NEWT GINGRICH is already planning to take away with the other. The Republican leaders in the House are telling their rank and file not to get excited because they can rescind the money later. House Republican conference member JOHN BOEHNER said, in appropriations —and BOB LIVINGSTONE agreed—that ''we can always have a rescissions bill in January.''

Senator LOTT and the Republicans are fleeing from their anti-education record, but they better not look back, because if they do, the sight of all their cuts in education might turn them into pillars of salt.

When the Dole-Gingrich Republican leadership took over in 1995, their education agenda was stark and severe: abolish the Department of Education and slash Federal support for schools and college students.

From January 1995 to the present, Republicans have proposed education cuts every chance they have had: on rescission bills, on budget resolutions, on appropriations bills and continuing resolutions. When Democrats refused to let these devastating cuts pass, Republicans shut down the Government because they could not get their way.

With the help of students and parents across the country, we turned back the worst of these anti-education funding measures for fiscal year 1996.

Republicans did not learn. In this year's budget resolution, they again propose to slash education, this time by 20 percent over the next 6 years.

The record of the past 2 years is clear. It is clear that Republicans are no friends of education, and it is equally clear that the American people do not want education cut. The current election-eve Republican ''education lite'' amendment has no credibility. It is written in disappearing ink. NEWT GINGRICH, Bob Dole, and their allies have an irresistible impulse to slash education to pay for tax breaks for the wealthy. And Democrats will not let that happen.

Madam President, this chart illustrates clearly exactly where we are on the issue of education. The black line going back to 1995 is President Clinton's request. That line represents inflation plus expanded enrollment. We have expanded enrollment in the elementary and secondary schools, going up to 52 million or 53 million, and expanded enrollment as well in higher education. This particular line reflects the increase that is necessary to deal with the problems of inflation, expanded student population in the K–12 well as in higher education.

This line here reflects what was actually the fiscal year 1995 level of funding in terms of constant dollars. This $600 million loss represents the figure that was effectively agreed to after the proposal by the Republicans of $1.7 billion in rescissions in 1995. Their proposal was to cut $1.7 billion. We were able to resist that, and the final figure that was set was $600 million in rescissions. These were moneys already going out to schools all across the country, K–12—also available, some of the funding, in terms of higher education appropriated in previous years. Their proposal reduced this by $1.7 billion.

We see that this $3.9 billion cut represents the House appropriations in 1995. The continuing resolution brought it back to $3.1 billion. Finally, just before the Government shutdown

that took place here, there was an add-on of $2.7 billion, and the negotiation which took place at that time brought us to $400 million less than level funding—in absolute dollars. There is a significant reduction here in terms of the real purchasing power in education. We see, once again, in this year's House appropriations, a cut of $1.5 billion. The Senate cuts in appropriations are not as severe as in the House appropriations.

The press asked us why we are bringing this up at this particular time. The fact is that the Senate Appropriations Committee met last week and finally resolved the dollar figure that was reached by that committee. Within a day, under the leadership of Senator DASCHLE, Senator HARKIN, Senator KERRY, Senator LEVIN, Senator WELLSTONE, and others, we announced that we would be offering an amendment that would restore the $3.1 billion difference between the President's request and what was actually coming out of the Senate Appropriations Committee. So we did that at the end of last week. We tried to offer the amendment earlier this week. We were denied that opportunity, and we were notified then that the Republicans had decided to an add-on of some $2.3 billion.

Mr. President, of course, if they had made that add-on last week, for a good chunk of these education programs, we would not have this kind of difference. So I say election year conversion because what a difference a week makes. What a difference a week makes in terms of the Republican position.

The fact of the matter is, on each and every occasion since 1995, on any budget, any appropriation, any reconciliation, any continuing resolution, any time the issue of funding for education has been out there, there has been a reduction.

I want to take notice here, Madam President, and say that there have been some notable exceptions among our Republican friends. I acknowledge the Senator from Maine, who has placed a high priority in education, and Senator HATFIELD, and a few others. But this chart represents the ongoing and continuing record that has taken place.

Basically, we are talking about the rescissions of 1995, where it was $1.7 billion. In the 7-year budget resolution of 1996, they proposed a Federal slash of one-third over 7 years in Federal investment in education. The deep cuts came in college aid, $10.6 billion in student loan cuts, and a freeze on Pell grants, which reduces their value by 40 percent, or effectively eliminates grants to 1 million students. You can have it either way. That is the effect of their recommendation in terms of funding the Pell grant. Cutbacks in other education—and this is in 1996—such as 350,000 preschool children who would lose Head Start, 2 million children who would lose title I, reading and math, and programs to keep schools safe and drug-free would be cut back for 39 million students. That was in 1996.

On the budget reconciliation, listen to what was recommended. The Republican majority carried out of our Labor Committee a 2-percent student loan tax on every college and university in the country. Do we understand that? A 2-percent tax on every college. That 2-percent tax would be on the amount of scholarship aid and assistance. So when you take a school like Northeastern University, 80 percent of the kids that go there, their parents never have completed college; 85 percent are working 25 hours a week or more. These are individuals who are hungry, they are gifted, but they don't have great resources and they are trying to make it to enhance their own opportunities for advancement in our society. This 2-percent tax would have particularly hit Boston University by $750,000 to $800,000 a year, which meant anywhere from 18 to 20 students' scholarship help that the university would not have been able to provide. That was one aspect. They raised interest rates on the Plus Loan. The Plus Loans are basically for middle-income, working families. It gives them additional opportunity at a somewhat lower rate for educational loans to supplement their children who are in college. The Republicans eliminated the interest-free grace period for students beginning to repay after graduation. We now have a 6-month period.

The fact remains that that 6 months is a key period for the student to get a decent job. They wanted to eliminate it and start repayment at the time of graduation, which would have put additional pressure on the students to become employed because they would have had to start repaying their debt. If you ask Secretary Riley what is the impact of that grace period on students repaying their debt, his testimony, and all the testimony, is that if you give them a grace period, they have more time to get a good job, one that they want to stay with and one where they will have an enhanced opportunity for repayment.

So those are some of the areas of the cuts, as well as cutting back and putting a cap of 10 percent on the direct loan program. That direct loan program, which moved us up toward a division of total student aid so that we would have competition between the guarantee and direct loan programs, was agreed to by Republicans and Democrats in the previous Congress. Nonetheless, this was closed down, and it would only be 10 percent.

The amendment that was offered here on the floor of the U.S. Senate to permit each college to make its own judgment whether it wanted to go to direct loan or guaranteed loan was overwhelmingly defeated by those who want to continue the guaranteed loan program, which will mean that $127 billion will go through the guaranteed agencies over a 6- to 7-year period. It means anywhere from $7 to $10 billion in profits to those agencies, which is basically money that is coming out of the pockets and pocketbooks of working families.

The 1996 appropriations bill is cutting education 16 percent. It terminated Perkins loans and student initiative grants for the neediest students. It raised the Pell minimum grant to $600. The effect of that is that you eliminate awards to 175,000 low-income students. The bill cuts back title I by $1.1 billion to deny reading and math to over a million children. It cuts back Head Start by $140 million, denying preschool to 48,000 children.

Then we come to the continuing resolution of January 26, 1996. That cut education by $3.1 billion from 1995 levels, a 13-percent cut.

The final omnibus resolution reduced education $400 million, after the Senate adopted the Specter-Harkin amendment, which restored $2.7 billion in education. That amendment passed 84 to 16.

So during this national debate about how there is a distortion and misrepresentation about who is for education, even when we had the principal instrument to recover and restore some of that education, supported at that time by a number of Republicans—there were 16 Republican Members of the Senate who said ''no.''

Now, a 6-year budget resolution, which was passed in May and June 1996, cuts Pell grants by $6.2 billion over 6 years. It cuts work study for 800,000 students. It cuts title I for over 300,000 children. The list goes on.

The final point I make, Mr. President—and I will include this analysis as part of the RECORD—is that the Republican platform, in August, said, ''We will abolish the Department of Education.''

Maybe there have to be adjustments in some of the agencies of Government. But I would suggest that most American families want to have the Secretary of Education at the President's elbow every single day of the year saying, ''What about the education of the children of this country? What are we going to do about that?''

Money can't solve all of the problems. But what changes are necessary to make academic achievement and accomplishment, enhanced standards, and improved quality education available? I think most Americans would say of all the agencies of Government, certainly you need Defense, certainly you need the Secretary of State and maybe the Treasury. But I tell you. The Secretary of Education is right up there among American priorities.

So why do the Republicans want to abolish the Department of Education, and now in the final hours come back and say, ''Oh, well, we are really for education—we are the education Congress?'' It is something that I have difficulty understanding.

Earlier in the day we were asked, ''What about the Republicans' proposal, the Lott amendment?'' I just

point out very briefly that this amendment does not meet critical needs—no increase in the Head Start Program, and no increase in teacher training.

We just had the Carnegie Commission report a week ago that one of the principal deficiencies in our educational system is that we are not getting enough teachers that are well trained, nor are teachers getting enhanced training. We have tried to restore the administration's request in this area. The Republicans offer no additional funding for teacher training; no money for the TRIO Program, which is academic support for disadvantaged students; and no money for School to Work. These are crucial programs. Twenty years ago, if you graduated from high school you were making 65 or 70 percent of what a college graduate was making. That percentage has dropped to about 55 percent—the growing income gap that is taking place.

We tried with School to Work to move three out of four kids that do not go on to college into the private sector. It has been strongly supported by Republicans in a number of States.

Again, I refer to the distinguished Governor of Maine, the husband of our chair, who is one of the very innovative Governors in moving toward the School to Work Program, and other Republican Governors and Democratic Governors as well.

There is no money for summer jobs, even though about 40 percent of all the summer job programs have academic provisions. There were funds in terms of other education programs. I had hoped that we would take those increases and put them in for increases to the President's request here on the floor of the Senate, or in the continuing resolution. We would get a positive response—an overwhelming response—in favor of those measures.

Madam President, I yield the floor. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

FUNDING EDUCATION

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Madam President, I am here to answer some of the statements made by the distinguished ranking member of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, Senator KENNEDY. Unfortunately, I did not hear all of the comments but some that I heard made by Senator KENNEDY regarding education need to be answered.

It just is not the case that education has been slashed by Republicans over the last 6 to 8 years, and I really find it very disappointing that somehow this keeps coming up. It is easy to make a statement saying education has been slashed and decimated by Republicans without any real understanding of the programs under discussion, what has been debated and what resolutions have been made because, actually, education budgets have continued to climb.

I think nearly all of us at least would acknowledge that money alone is not the answer to quality education. It certainly has been important for us to have a support system when we are asked to help with special education moneys, moneys for disadvantaged students, moneys for disabled students, for the student loan program. But money alone is not the answer.

We are now spending more than $25 billion in our budget for education, and there has to be some understanding of what it is all about. For one thing, we have dramatically increased money for Head Start programs, which are preschool programs for those young children who need most to have that assistance.

At the time we worked on the legislation to increase Head Start funding, we also incorporated changes in the program which were designed to enhance the quality of delivery of Head Start programs. Some States have outstanding Head Start programs. Other States have not pulled together the network that I think is necessary for quality preschool education. But that money has been increased.

As for student loans, I think it is exceptionally misleading to claim that the student loan program has been decimated. For one thing, all eligible students applying for a student loan receive a student loan. In 1993, the volume of student loans was $16.1 billion; 3 years later, it is $26.6 billion. Students are not being denied student loans.

The Pell grant program and the other grant and work-study programs have not been appropriated to the level that has been authorized, and that has always been a concern. But it is also a fact that funding for those programs has not been reduced. Whether it has grown to the level it should grow perhaps should be the question. I think it is very important for us to debate these issues in the context of understanding what is, and is not, occurring in education.

We have figures which show, as I pointed out earlier, that we are increasing, and have continued to increase every year, the budget for our education programs. Whether it should be increased more or less has been a subject of debate.

I particularly would like to address the student loan program because the Senator from Massachusetts, Mr. KENNEDY, attacked the efforts to cut the student loan program. When we debated whether to have direct lending for student loans, the intent was to help if students wanted to get their student loan money immediately when they registered for postsecondary education. It did not in any way mean a student was going to pay less on their student loan, and in fact, it was through Republican initiatives in trying to reduce some of the bureaucracy and some of the requirements on the student loan that did produce what savings could be achieved for students.

Direct lending, as such, in no way changed the amount of funding that is available to students. This has been, I think, poorly understood. Somehow it has been portrayed as a choice between supposedly greedy banks or the Federal Government that would handle student loans. We missed completely, I think, the part of the debate regarding who should be responsible for cutting the checks for the student loan program, who can do it the best, and who should bear the responsibility for those loans and for payments that have not been collected.

I, myself, thought it was something we should go somewhat slowly on, so that we could understand the effects of the Federal Government totally handling the student loan program, or whether we should continue to let it also be an initiative in which the banks and the student lending guaranty agencies could be involved, believing they were going to be better able to collect on the loans than the Federal Government. I believe it is something we can and should continue to debate. But that program has not been decimated by efforts of Republicans to somehow cut student loans.

I think it is interesting that, in the first half of President Clinton's administration, when the Democrats controlled the Congress, actual spending for education programs fell on the average of $1 billion below the President's request. I do not intend to get into a tit for tat on educational spending, however. Being a member of a local school board at one time before I came to the Senate, and as chairman of the Labor and Human Resources Committee responsible for education funding, there is nothing that I care more about than being certain that we do have quality education in this country. That is something everyone is dedicated to. How much of that can be guaranteed by moneys we spend here in Washington is another matter. In some cases it is clearly something we need to do, particularly when we mandate certain requirements on schools. Then, we must be willing to be a participant in helping to pay for those mandates. That, I think, has been particularly true with initiatives such as the education for disabled students. We mandated the inclusion of those students in public schools, and I think we should be willing to help continue to fund the needs of that mandate.

But I suggest that, as we debate education today, most citizens in this country realize the success of excellence in education really depends on our local communities, our local school boards, and students and parents who will recognize the importance of quality education and are willing to invest the time and the resources to see that

we have it. I think there is no sadder indictment of education in general than the fact that some students are taking student loans when they graduate from high school but then have to take remedial reading when they get to college. We are doing a great disservice to the students in our Nation when they pile up an indebtedness of student loans but are not prepared to take advantage of the higher education they are receiving, whether it be in liberal arts or vocational-technical education.

We have to give those students—and it is not just we here in the Federal Government, but each and every one of us—the ability and the opportunity to achieve excellence in education. It should be the students themselves who will have the self-discipline to recognize the importance of that to them.

But right here in the Nation's Capitol we have not been able, with all the money that has gone into the District of Columbia, to hold up our heads with the primary and secondary schools that we have here in the District of Columbia. It is a shame that we have students who have to walk through metal detectors for fear of what might occur, a shooting in a high school. It is a shame that we have leaking roofs and crumbling infrastructure in our elementary schools. Every child in this country should be able to attend the elementary school in their neighborhood that has the highest quality of education to be offered.

But I would just suggest, and I am sure the Senator from Massachusetts believes the same as I do, that this is something that our Nation does care about. We have always been a country that cares about education. We have always been a country that hands off, as a legacy to the next generation, our belief in the importance of education. But it is totally wrong to say that we have decimated this opportunity for excellence in education because Republicans have slashed the education budget. That is not the case, Madam President, and that is not the answer to excellence and quality in education. We need to work together to the extent that we can to find those programs that can be of help. We have done that before and we should continue to do so.

It has been a big disappointment to me that the Democratic side of the aisle has not been supportive of efforts which we have undertaken, and which we passed unanimously, except for two votes, to initiate job training reform efforts and strong support for vocational education initiatives, which are an important component of our desires to achieve a working partnership between the Federal, State and local governments. That, I think, is one of the answers that we need to look to when we look at what the Federal responsibilities may be in assisting in education.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, I made some comments earlier in a presentation about the record, about the resources of the Congress in the last several years. When I returned to my office, I saw my good friend and colleague, Senator KASSEBAUM, addressing the issue of education, and returned to hear her pearls of wisdom on this issue.

Senator KASSEBAUM's suggestion that education funding has been slashed over a 6-year period is simply mistaken. In every year since fiscal year 1990, education spending has increased. In fiscal years 1994 and 1995, education appropriations increased by $1.1 billion and $0.9 billion. It was not until the Republican takeover that Congress proposed to slash education spending.

There are just a few more points I want to add at this time. I tried earlier to point out what the Congress had actually done in allocating resources. The fact that you spend money does not necessarily mean you are going to end up with good education. That is a given. But it is a reflection of your priorities. And when we have a reduction in real terms, given the expanded student population, both in K–12 and higher education, cutting back in technology and other programs, that is a reflection of national priorities.

What basically we do as legislators, as the Senator from Kansas understands so well, is make choices. And we make choices about priorities. When we see, now, funding in education at about 1.3 percent of our national budget, I think most American families think it is considerably higher. That number is not concomitant with our commitment to the young people of this country. I think it is worthy of pointing that out.

The fact of the matter is, if a child goes to school hungry in the morning, that child is not going to be able to learn, even if you spend money on books and teachers. If you go to a school, you will find that classrooms are in a deteriorating condition. Many of the classrooms in my own State are. A recent report by the General Accounting Office shows the deterioration of the physical structures. It is primarily a State and local responsibility. But some of the schools in my own city of Boston will reach a temperature in the wintertime that is sufficiently cold that many of the students will be affected by that cold. It will be difficult to teach. If you have inadequate books or inadequate training for teachers, students will not learn.

We know in many of the schools that we have in this country they are spending, by and large, probably double what is being expended in other schools, and we know they are getting, by and large, students who are graduating with high abilities. We know, really, what needs to be done.

There are shared responsibilities in attempting to do it, but I would think our challenge is how we will push the envelope in this area. How are we going to encourage the local communities to enhance and support additional help? How are we going to get the States to recognize this as the priority? If we here in the Congress of the United States are seen as constantly reducing our commitment in this area, that sends a very powerful message. It is a very powerful message.

I do take exception to what has happened in recent years, frankly, under Republican administrations, in higher education. Education in the 1960 election was one of the prime differences, that, I think, played a major role: Was the Federal Government going to become involved in scholarship help and assistance? One candidate said yes. The other candidate, effectively, said no.

And then it was set up for higher education that $3 out of every $4 invested by the Federal Government went into grants, not into loans. Now it is just the reverse: $3 out of the $4 are loans, not grants. Yet reviews have demonstrated, time and again, that the Federal Treasury profited $8 for every dollar invested in education grants through the GI bill.

Investments in education pay off, and that has been the lesson. Maybe there are some programs that should be changed. To move back from that ongoing and continuing commitment is a reflection of different priorities, and that is essentially what I think is the point being made.

The fact of the matter is, a week ago when we saw the significant cuts made by the Senate Republicans and then a week later they come back and add $2.2 billion, I doubt very much that somehow the Republican leadership suddenly discovered increasing value in education.

A final point I want to make is about questions of higher education and the indebtedness of students. One of the very important aspects of the Direct Loan Program is not only in the facility of lower interest rates and the facility of students to deal with those, but also tuition contingency repayments, which said that if you are a student and you graduate, you might have $10,000 or $15,000 of loans obligated; if you want to be a teacher or you want to be a social worker or you want to be a police officer or you want to be a child care worker or you want to be a teacher's aide, then what it is going to mean, in terms of your repayment, is a percent of your income—just a percent—for a period of time.

That says to the young people, OK, maybe we haven't gotten it quite right at the Federal level in terms of the ratio of direct loans to grants, but I tell you what we are going to do. Even if you have to borrow, we will make it affordable so you only have to pay it at 5 percent or 7 percent.

That is an enormous, enormous advantage to students. I don't think you could find a handful of students in this country who would turn their backs on that particular opportunity. That was part of our Direct Loan Program. We stood out here on the floor of the U.S. Senate and said, ''Let the colleges make their own decision whether they

want the Direct Loan Program or the Guaranteed Loan Program. Let the colleges, let the students.''

What is more democratic than that? What is more local empowerment than that? What gets more power from the Federal Government back to the States and the colleges than that particular proposal? You would think that was a proposal that would carry. Absolutely not. We were closed down. Virtually unanimous support in opposition to that by our Republican friends.

So I hope as we come into these last days that parents, students, business leaders, and young people who are not going on to college—those who are concerned about the future of this country—really study this record well.

Any time Senator KASSEBAUM speaks about education, there is a great deal for us to learn from her comments. I always do. Although I missed her remarks earlier, I look forward to reading them in the RECORD.

But I do think there is a pretty central difference in the record of the two political parties on the priority of education. The President has stated that education, Medicare, and environmental issues are his priorities, and it was only after there were significant cuts in those that the Government was shut down. I think the American people remember that.

We speak today about one aspect of those priorities, and it is education. I think the American people place a very high priority on it. They place a great responsibility on all of us to try and make whatever we allocate more effective in enhancing student achievement and accomplishments in schools and colleges across this country.

Mrs. KASSEBAUM addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, if I can comment for a moment. We can probably go on all afternoon talking about education, but I am sure there are those who would like to get back to the pipeline bill.

We can have dueling charts. I don't think that helps us at this juncture. The Senator from Massachusetts raised many of the same priorities in education that I did. We worry about crumbling infrastructure, we worry about the quality of education, we worry about being able to attract the best and the brightest teachers into teaching. All of these things are a part of the educational debate.

I think where we differ, and differ significantly, is whether the Federal Government is the answer to all of those questions, and I suggest not. I believe most Americans realize that is so. Federal dollars in education are less than 10 percent of the education dollars spent in this country. Local and State governments spend, I think, about $508 billion in education. I happen to believe that it still should be a question of local and State authority on education.

The Federal Government can provide support, but if we start to rely more and more on Federal dollars coming from here in Washington and believe that solves the problem, then I suggest, Mr. President, that we are in trouble. That is where we differ: Who bears the main responsibility for the funding of our educational system?

I suggest it has worked well, and it will continue and should work best, at the local level. I think that is where there is a fundamental difference.

I yield the floor, Mr. President.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KEMPTHORNE). The Senator from Texas is recognized.

ACCOUNTABLE PIPELINE SAFETY AND PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 1996

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I would like to make a few remarks about the pipeline bill, because I think this is a very important bill for the future and safety of our country. This is a bill that has been worked on for quite a long time. It is a bipartisan bill.

I am very pleased that we have a safety pipeline program, we have a funding source. We are reauthorizing the Federal Pipeline Safety Program. I think everyone has worked in good faith. In fact, the bill is sponsored by Senator LOTT, cosponsored by Senators PRESSLER, STEVENS, HUTCHISON, BURNS, SHELBY, COCHRAN, FRIST, INHOFE, BREAUX, FORD, EXON, INOUYE, JOHNSTON, and HEFLIN. I think all of us want to make sure that the pipelines that are running through the ground in our country are as safe as they can possibly be.

Of course, we have user fees that pay for the safety inspections and the Office of Pipeline Safety. I think this bill also adds some simple and flexible risk assessments and cost-benefit analyses to some of these new regulations. So I think we are going to be taking a giant step in the right direction with this bill.

It does authorize the Office of Pipeline Safety funding through the year 2000 so that we will know that the source is good and that it is at a reasonable level. It is about what our budget resolution is today, and I think that we have made a great improvement.

So I am very pleased to support this bill as the new chairman of the subcommittee from which this bill came.

I think we have a good, bipartisan compromise that is going to move pipeline safety very, very much into the forefront of our consciousness as we continue to put down more pipeline and take more energy to the people of this country.

Mr. President, I think Senator LAUTENBERG, who has also worked very hard on this bill, has remarks to make. Is that correct?

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Yes. Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. I thank the Senator from Texas. I know that she has an interest in safety with our pipelines. Obviously, coming from a State like she does, there is a great deal of interest in providing the resource, the gas, that travels through these pipelines because it is an efficient and cost-effective way of taking care of our energy needs.

I want to also extend my accommodation to the majority leader, Senator LOTT, for his work on this bill, as well as the chairman and the ranking minority member of the Commerce Committee, Senator PRESSLER and Senator HOLLINGS, and the other Senators who have worked hard and who have contributed to this legislation.

The bill before us enhances our existing pipeline safety program in a number of ways. For example, it would promote one-call programs to ensure that those who dig in the ground can easily find out where the pipelines are located—not only find out, but must know where the pipelines are located.

The bill would also increase funding for pipeline safety programs and make other improvements. At the same time, I do have some concerns about certain provisions in the legislation which could limit the regulators' abilities to adequately manage the program.

Frankly, it does not go all the way that I would like it to go, but it certainly is an improvement on the status quo and should improve pipeline safety significantly.

Mr. President, I have a special interest in this bill—I am sure many in this room are aware of it—because an explosion took place in my State a couple of years ago, and our experience with it was one that will stay permanently etched in the memories of people in New Jersey.

What happened there was almost inexplicable because, though the damage, the physical damage, was extensive, fortunately it was limited to one death. There could have been many more. That one death was as a result of someone's physical disability who had come in to be in touch with friends who lived in the neighborhood. It was terrible. That was 2½ years ago.

That rupture in a gas pipeline led to a terrible explosion in Edison, NJ. The blast created an enormous fireball that could be seen for miles around. It leveled eight apartment buildings and left a gaping hole in the ground. It reminded me, very frankly, Mr. President, of some of my wartime experiences when bombed-out areas were left with buildings flattened and holes, craters, in the ground. That is what this looked like.

The explosion and the fire injured more than 100 people and brought on, as I said, the death of one person, a fatal heart attack of a 32-year-old woman who had come to visit friends who were in the area. And 150 families

were made homeless. Not surprisingly, many of the victims are still dealing with the emotional, psychological, and financial consequences of the explosion.

Mr. President, I visited the site of this disaster with Senator BRADLEY very shortly after it took place. We saw the devastation firsthand. It was a sobering experience. Nobody could witness a scene like that without being committed to doing everything possible to prevent similar tragedies from happening in the future.

In response to the explosion in New Jersey, I began to explore various ways that pipelines could be made safer. I talked with experts from around the country, and I developed legislation, now introduced as S. 162, that did propose a variety of steps.

First, my bill promoted the establishment of the so-called one-call program. One-call very simply requires anyone who is about to dig—a builder, construction company—to simply make a telephone call to make sure that where they are going to dig is not dangerous because of pipelines. This is important because two-thirds of all pipeline accidents are caused by people who dig without knowing where they are digging.

So I say, they must know. So I am pleased that the bill before us, like my own, would promote one-call programs and direct the Office of Pipeline Safety to help States establish these programs.

Another provision in my bill required the use of remote control shutoff valves. Mr. President, given the state of technology in the world today, you would think this kind of thing would be used routinely, which simply means that someone in a remote location with some visual contact through electronic means could see what is happening and start turning down the cutoff valves. Unfortunately, that very simple technology was not used in this case. But it is now being used.

Too often when a major leak occurs, pipeline operators must physically travel to the site of the leak and manually turn off a huge valve. This process can take many hours. After the Edison explosion, it took over 3 hours to shut off the valve, the valve that was producing the gas flow to continue the flames and the destruction that was taking place, in large part, because the shutoff valve was manual and took over 700 turns to close. Meanwhile, again, the dangerous gas was escaping into the environment. Remote control shutoff valves would have solved this problem in fairly quick fashion.

So I am pleased that the managers of the bill were able to include a provision in the managers' amendment that would require that DOT, which has jurisdiction here, study the feasibility of these devices. If, as I expect, the Secretary determines that the devices are feasible and would reduce risks of pipeline accidents, the Secretary would be required to mandate their use.

Another proposal in my bill would allow residents to be notified of the location of the pipelines in their neighborhoods. Citizens have a right to know this information. A better informed public leads to improved safety. So I am pleased that the managers of the bill have included in their amendment, the managers' amendment, a provision that requires that all operators provide a pipeline map to local communities.

The provision also requires that the Secretary review existing pipeline safety education programs, determine which ones are the most effective, and implement appropriate programs nationwide.

My legislation also would have helped ensure that pipeline leaks and weaknesses were detected before disasters by promoting the use of so-called smart pigs. The term ''smart pigs'' refers to technology that essentially permits a device to travel through a pipeline and evaluate whether or not there are weaknesses that have to be attended to or that otherwise could lead to problems in the future. The use of this smart pig technology is important, especially as more pipes grow older and thus more vulnerable to problems.

The bill before us would authorize OPS, the Office of Pipeline Safety, to require the use of smart pigs, though it does not mandate their regular use, as I would prefer. I am hopeful that OPS will promote these tools aggressively.

There are other provisions in this bill before us that also mirror proposals of mine. One provision would make it a Federal crime to dump waste in pipeline rights of way. This will help protect these rights of way from large volumes of material which can damage the pipeline.

So, Mr. President, there are several provisions in this bill that I support and that can help, and will help, to improve pipeline safety. At the same time, however, in my view, the legislation should go farther.

For example, I am concerned that the public will not have adequate input in the review of proposed risk demonstration projects. I am also concerned that the bill could make it harder for the Office of Pipeline Safety to propose and adopt pipeline safety standards because of new cost/benefit requirements.

On balance, though, Mr. President, this bill represents a very good step forward. Although far from perfect—and we know around here that the perfect is the enemy of the good; it is said so often and proves true almost every time—although far from perfect, it should improve pipeline safety, and it deserves our support.

Once more, I thank the majority leader and the other Senators involved for their work on this bill. I look forward to working with them in the future to ensure that the legislation is implemented properly and effectively, and to consider other steps that can be taken that promote pipeline safety in our communities.

I yield the floor.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the reauthorization of the Office of Pipeline Safety (S. 1505).

This is a bill which is bipartisan with seven Democratic and nine Republican cosponsors.

This is a bill which was unanimously approved by our Commerce Committee.

This is a bill which is supported by both the administration and the regulated pipeline industry.

This is a bill which focuses on just the statute which regulates the natural gas and liquid transmission and distribution industry.

This is a bill which is targeted on the role and responsibilities of the Office of Pipeline Safety within the Department of Transportation.

This is a bill which deals in a responsive and responsible manner the way rules are made for this sector of the energy community; but, I want to be very very clear, nothing in this bill will jeopardize the integrity and safety of America's natural gas transmission system. And nothing in this bill will reverse the environmental success story of this industry.

This is a bill which permits demonstration projects by recognizing opportunities for regulatory flexibility.

This is a bill where the one-size-fits-all mandate mentality is replaced by responsible creative yet accountable rulemaking.

This is a bill which will intimately affect 160 million Americans because they live in gas heated buildings.

This is a bill which governs enough natural gas pipes to go around the Earth 48 times.

And, finally this is a bill which has direct impact on under a million Americans because they work in some aspect of the natural gas industry.

The leadership of Senator PRESSLER and Senator EXON has made this manager's amendment possible, and I want to publicly thank them for both their time and attention to advancing this consensus compromise.

Let me say in conclusion: Safety on America's interstate natural gas pipelines will be enhanced by this legislation. And I want to underscore that environmental protection along America's pipeline right-of-ways will also be enhanced by S. 1505.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise in support of S. 1505, the Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act of 1996.

This legislation reauthorizes the pipeline safety programs that are the responsibility of the Department of Transportation's Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS). OPS has a tremendous responsibility in ensuring the safety of the nation's gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. The combined interstate pipeline system has approximately 1.8 million miles of pipeline, consisting of approximately 1.6 million miles of gas pipeline and 155,000 miles of hazardous liquid pipeline. Any map of the nation's pipeline system shows how much

our population depends on safe pipelines. The question is not whether pipeline safety programs should be reauthorized. Rather, we must determine the best way to maintain the safety of the interstate pipeline system while allowing the pipeline operators and owners to provide the service so necessary to the nation's well-being.

The importance of OPS is not theoretical. Many of us can report on gas line ruptures and spills in our states in the past. For example, there was a gas pipeline rupture in New Jersey two years ago. There was a horrible spill in my home state of South Carolina this summer. Over 1 million gallons was spilled. My staff has spent countless hours in monitoring this disaster. Luckily, the skill and dedication of OPS prevented that spill from becoming a major environmental disaster. The OPS training exercise with the pipeline owner held just prior to the spill contributed to the speed with which the adverse effects of this spill were mitigated—most of the spill was cleaned up and the remainder evaporated. In this regard, I extend my appreciation to OPS for keeping me informed of the spill and the efforts to redress the harm done to the land and water in South Carolina. Of course, I intend to continue monitoring our pipeline situation in South Carolina until I am satisfied that our pipelines are truly safe.

This bill provides authorization levels that are consistent with the Administration's budget request for OPS, but unfortunately, the appropriations for OPS that just passed the Congress are about 10 percent below the budget request. Obviously, OPS will be able to do its job better if it does not have to shift resources constantly to cope with funding difficulties. Despite its funding shortfall, however, I have reason to believe that OPS will ensure that our situation in South Carolina is rectified.

This legislation was crafted from many discussions between OPS and the pipeline industry. The bill refines the present OPS regulatory program so that OPS's scarce resources are put to the nation's best advantage. This greater ability to target its resources will help OPS to concentrate on the most serious problems, like the one we have faced in South Carolina. The bill also allows OPS and the pipeline industry to cooperate in designing risk management programs which will provide an appropriate level of safety while relieving pipeline facility owners and operators of unnecessary paperwork. In addition, this legislation contemplates a true partnership between the parties by including the states in the regulatory process with OPS and the pipeline industry.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to support passage of S. 1505.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, the bill before us would establish a new statutory standard for the Secretary of Transportation to meet when issuing a standard for pipeline safety. Section 4 of the bill provides that: ''Except where otherwise required by statute, the Secretary shall propose or issue a standard under this Chapter only upon a reasoned determination that the benefits of the intended standard justify its costs.''

When the Senate was debating governmentwide regulatory reform legislation earlier in this Congress, much of the debate focused on the issue of whether or not it was appropriate to set an across-the-board standard for the application of cost-benefit analysis to major rules. We referred to this issue as ''decisional criteria''—which basically meant the standard to be applied by the agency in selecting a rule for promulgation based on an analysis of the rule's benefits and costs. We were unable to reach agreement.

Some thought there should be a strict standard—that the head of an agency should have to show that the benefits of the rule justify the costs. Some thought we should apply that standard, but permit important exceptions for uncertainty in the data and rules where the public interest was significantly at stake. Others thought we should require the agency to do the analysis and explain, based on the cost-benefit analysis, whether the benefits of the rule justify its costs and if not, explain why the rule is still being issued.

As a body, we have not been able to agree on the formulation for this standard. That is why Senator GLENN and I have had some concern about the standard being adopted for the Office of Pipeline Safety. We don't want anyone to view acceptance of the standard in this bill as a precedent for adopting a similar standard in any other Federal program. That's because what may work well and be appropriate for the Office of Pipeline Safety and the safety rules issued by that office, is not necessarily an appropriate standard for any other Federal agency.

So I wish to ask my colleagues who have been working on this bill a few questions about the scope of the standard contained in this bill.

Mr. President, would the Senator from Nebraska, Senator EXON, who has worked so hard on this legislation, agree that it is not the committee's intent that the standard for the application of cost-benefit analysis included in this legislation be applied to any other agency?

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, the provision in this legislation with respect to cost-benefit analysis is unique to the Office of Pipeline Safety. It is not my intent, nor was it ever suggested by any member of the committee that the standard we use in this bill, be applied to the regulatory process of any other Federal agency.

Cost benefit analysis for pipeline safety is straight forward and largely quantifiable. Assessing the effects of pipeline safety ruptures is not as uncertain as health-related analyses, such as lead exposure levels or other long-term exposure to toxics. Pipelines are fixed facilities in known locations that carry finite quantities of specific products. The consequences of different types of ruptures or problems is therefore very quantifiable. The costs of various proposed requirements is usually also very quantifiable as most proposals seek to use existing procedures, processes, or tools with which pipeline operators have actual field experience. This makes cost and benefits more readily identifiable regarding pipeline safety regulations.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, will the Senator yield for a comment? If I may, I agree with the Senator from Nebraska. This standard we've set in this bill for the issuance of pipeline safety standards is unique to the Pipeline Safety Office. That's why we have the support for this legislation of the Department of Transportation and the regulated industry. The Department of Transportation says it can live with this standard, and that's why we are able to include it in this bill.

Mr. GLENN. Will the Senator from Michigan yield?

Mr. LEVIN. I am happy to yield to the Senator from Ohio.

Mr. GLENN. Mr. President, I have been pleased to work with the Senator from Michigan on this matter as well as the overall issue of regulatory reform. In August I wrote to the majority leader, Senator LOTT, who has taken a strong interest in drafting this legislation, and explained to him our concern about the cost-benefit standard contained in this bill. My concern, like Senator LEVIN's, was that this legislation could be used as a precedent in the debate on the larger regulatory reform bill. The majority leader, in a letter dated August 9, 1996, assured me that would not be the case. He said in that letter, ''S. 1505 only applies to the federal pipeline statute. In fact, it will affect only one federal agency with 100 employees and could impact less than ten rules per year. This is not a precedent setting proposal.''

Would the majority leader be able to confirm his earlier statement?

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I would be happy to respond to the Senator's request. The cost-benefit standard included in S. 1505 is not intended to be used, nor will I use it, as a precedent for a cost-benefit standard to be applied to other agencies. It works for pipeline safety, because it was specifically written with the knowledge of that office and its unique responsibilities in mind.

Mr. GLENN. I thank the Senator from Mississippi and I yield the floor.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, with those assurances by the majority leader and the key members of the Commerce subcommittee who've been working on this bill, I can support this legislation.

In the recently enacted, bipartisan Safe Drinking Water Act, we adopted a very different standard for rulemaking. In that legislation we said: ''At the time the Administrator (of EPA) proposes a national primary drinking

water regulation under this paragraph, the Administrator shall publish a determination as to whether the benefits of the maximum contaminant level justify, or do not justify, the costs based on the analysis conducted under paragraph (3)(C).''

We will now be able to see how each of these proposals works in real life. I look forward to seeing and analyzing the results.

Mr. GLENN. Mr. President, I join with my colleague and friend from Michigan, Senator LEVIN, in saying that I can support this legislation with respect to this issue. I am also happy to support the inclusion of added language to protect the public's right to participate in the development and approval of the risk management demonstration projects provided udner this bill.

I was concerned that as initially drafted, communities affected by these projects might not have a voice in commenting on the proposals made by pipeline owners and operators for alternative methods of complying with the law. The sponsors of the legislation agreed to add statutory language to protect that right to public participation. With that addition, as well as the statement of the sponsors as to the scope of the bill, I will support this legislation.

Mr. STEVENS. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MARITIME SECURITY ACT

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate temporarily set aside Senate bill 1505 and that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 262, House bill 1350, the maritime security bill.

I further ask unanimous consent that no amendment relative to the tuna-dolphin issue on the Panama declaration issue be in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1350) to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, the Senate will soon consider House bill 1350, the Maritime Security Act of 1995. This is the companion legislation to Senate bill 1139, the maritime reform legislation approved by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation earlier this year.

This historic legislation is the culmination of over two decades of work by the Senate Commerce Committee. I said two decades.

For most of the 1980's the senior Senator from Hawaii and myself spent hundreds of hours in congressional hearings, consultation with administration officials, and discussions with affected industry in seeking to find a way to stabilize and reform the Federal maritime programs.

We became involved in this debate in large part because of our responsibility to the Senate and the Nation to find methods of improving our military support capabilities for the Department of Defense.

The Navy and the Marines deploy the Maritime Prepositioning Force, which is our core capability to respond in an emergency to hostile actions worldwide which threaten the security interests of the United States.

We have known for many years that advance military capability must be combined with the ability to provide both surge sealift capability and sustainment sealift capability.

Without both surge and sustainment, we expose our fighting men and women to the dangers inherent in any military involvement far from our shores.

The Congress has appropriated billions of dollars over the last 15 years to improve our surge sealift transportation capability.

We have procured Fast Sealift Ships, Large Roll-On, Roll-Off ships, Ready Reserve Force vessels, and strategic lift aircraft to support our military forces in the initial days and months of battle.

We now have the most technologically advanced surge sealift capability in the history of the world, and are approaching a maximum state of initial readiness.

Military capability and surge sealift capability are, however, only two legs of the three legged stool for our advance deployed military force.

The third leg is the ability to sustain these forces over extended periods of time, after we place them in foreign territory, far from home. The maritime security program in H.R. 1350 provides that third leg.

Why is it necessary for the Federal Government to provide supplemental payments to U.S. companies to keep their ships under U.S.-flag?

The answer is simple. We hold our U.S.-flag carriers to operating, safety, and labor standards far superior and far more costly than those imposed on foreign-flag carriers by their governments.

Operators of U.S.-flag vessels must meet payroll taxes, including social security, unemployment insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid. U.S. carriers pay income taxes and a 50 percent penalty for repairing their ships overseas.

These ships must be in compliance with more restrictive Coast Guard and OSHA safety regulations. In short, our Federal laws build in economic disincentives for U.S. companies to keep their vessels under the national flag.

What is the national interest in keeping these ships under U.S.-flag? Opponents of the bill have pointed to Desert Shield/Desert Storm as evidence that commercial sealift can be procured in times of emergency.

My questions to the Senate are twofold: At what price, and in what state of readiness? Let me reemphasize to my colleagues in the Senate that there are no free meals in the real world.

There will always be a price for an immediately available sustainment sealift capability in a trained and effective state of readiness.

As chairman of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee responsible for managing the long-term costs of the Defense Department, I have come away with a much different lesson learned from Desert Storm.

The costs of contracting with the private sector in an emergency come at a high premium and the state of readiness is inadequate.

Logistical support is like an athlete's muscle—you must exercise these muscles early and often if you are going to compete and win in the field.

The first lesson we learned from Desert Shield/Desert Storm is that foreign shipping companies can easily gauge the needs of the U.S. military and the availability of tonnage to meet these needs.

The average cost to the United States for procuring U.S.-flag ships for sustainment sealift during Desert Shield was $122 per ton. Foreign-flag shipping, in contrast, charged rates averaging $174 per ton of cargo.

Norwegian and Italian shipping companies, for example, extracted premiums in excess of 50 percent higher than their normal charter price and, in some cases, doubled their charter price.

The second lesson from Desert Shield/Desert Storm is that the callup and coordination of civilian private sector operations to meet military surge requirements takes time.

At the height of Desert Shield, we had over 120 U.S.-flag vessels called up and in service in the supply line to the Persian Gulf.

Fifty-one of these ships were immediately available to the Department of Defense pursuant to their subsidy contracts with the Department of Transportation, and sixty ships were called up from the Ready Reserve Force [RRF] to supplement the commercial fleet.

We also chartered over a dozen large roll-on, roll-off vessels from foreign shipping companies to carry heavy equipment and inventories.

The RRF callup was painful in its early stages. The ships were being operated in a reduced state of readiness, and many were required to undergo extensive repair work in our shipyards before they could accept cargo.

We experienced serious short-term manning problems as our maritime labor force scrambled to bring people out of retirement or other sectors of the economy to fill the berths in a national emergency.

We had to wipe the cobwebs off the RRF and scrape for anybody who had ever sailed the high seas with a mariner's license.

At the end, we had an active force of U.S. Flag ships with 3000 civilian, volunteer merchant mariners crewing the RRF ships and 100 U.S.-flag private sector ships time chartered to the Military Sealift Command.

It was the U.S.-flag fleet which stepped into the gap and provided the sustainment sealift during the initial months of Desert Storm.

These ships were fully crewed and ready to serve because they were operating in regular commercial service in the foreign waterborne commerce. These companies and mariners were ready when our Nation called, and they honored their contractual commitments to the Federal Government.

The United States was not treated the same way by the foreign shipping community.

We had foreign ships refuse to enter the war zone and saw foreign crews desert their ships rather than carry cargo to the Persian Gulf.

In many instances the promise of double pay was not sufficient to keep these crews recruited and in active service during the Desert Shield/Desert Storm period.

When we were able to get the foreign ships under contract, we paid the premium.

It is my message to the Senate that we must not repeat the mistakes of the past. The Congress owes an obligation to this Nation to properly sustain our fighting men and women when the U.S. asks them to risk their lives in protecting America's security interests abroad.

I do not stand before the Senate today to defend an old and obsolete subsidy program.

With my good friend from Hawaii, I know the current system is dysfunctional and in need of a comprehensive overhaul.

The task that began in the 1970's and ends today is simple: How do we ensure an adequate U.S.-flag, U.S.-crewed private sector fleet to provide sustained sealift in a cost-effective and logistically efficient manner?

This Bill, H.R. 1350, is the answer to that question.

There are two cornerstones of this proposed revision of our sustainment strategy: reform of the maritime program itself and inclusion of a new, state-of-the-art commercial fleet into the Emergency Preparedness Program.

The first removes the inefficiencies that have crept into the old maritime programs over the last 50 years.

The second acts as our Nation's insurance policy on the costs of sealift and provides the link between those water-borne assets and the Department of Defense mobility structure.

When I served as chairman of the Senate Merchant Marine Subcommittee in the 1980's, the existing operating differential subsidy—the ODS program—was costing the Federal Government well over $350 million per year. U.S. companies were receiving differential payments for crew costs, insurance, vessel maintenance, and other associated ship costs.

The per ship costs ranged between $4 and $5 million annually. We had no effective fiscal controls over this program because ODS was a contract entitlement.

Today, the administration has the authority to enter into new subsidy contracts without the approval of the Congress or any prior appropriation of funds.

We first started the discussion about substitution for the system of contract entitlement with a system of annual appropriations in 1986. This bill, H.R. 1350, would finally accomplish this objective, which is what the Senator from Hawaii and I started out to achieve.

This bill would authorize only $100 million annually for the new sustainment sealift program, $250 million less than the funded levels in the 1980's and $150 million less than the costs of the existing program as it stands today.

We are proposing a firm fixed price system rather than a differential cost program. Participating companies are to receive roughly $2 million per ship per year, half the amount these companies receive under the current entitlement program.

U.S. companies will be forced to continue their improvements in productivity, capital and labor cost reductions, and intermodal transportation capability in order to remain competitive in the foreign water-borne commerce.

In order to assist them in this goal, this bill would eliminate unnecessary trade route regulation and allow them to better adjust to the changing trends in international cargo movements.

We would also be procuring participation in the Emergency Preparedness Program.

There has been surprisingly little discussion about one of the more important features of the proposed reform effort in this bill.

A major requirement of the new Maritime Security Program is enrollment in the Emergency Preparedness Program. This program is currently being tested as a pilot called the Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement, or the VISA program. The United States Transportation Company, in consultation with the Maritime Administration, developed VISA in response to lessons learned in the Persian Gulf war.

The objective of VISA is to tie U.S. carrier sustainment commercial sealift and their worldwide intermodal transportation and management networks into the DOD sealift program.

Mr. President, worldwide water-borne transportation is no longer just a port-to-port movement of goods. It now involves multibillion-dollar intermodal transportation networks, including ships, the rail industry, the trucking industry, and aviation links.

The industry's capital base includes sophisticated marine terminal and port facilities, worldwide computerization of cargo movements, and new age management systems.

The VISA program accesses this multibillion-dollar shipping network. The objective of VISA is to promote and facilitate Department of Defense use of these existing systems.

It would literally break the bank if Congress were forced to replicate, operate, and maintain a similar system.

The Government costs for such a transportation system ranges from $800 million per year and up, we are told, and we simply cannot afford those costs in this time of budget control.

An essential feature of the Maritime Security Program envisioned by this bill, H.R. 1350, is advance rate-setting through the Emergency Preparedness Program.

As a precondition for a fixed price MSP contract, the participating company must agree to rates established in advance for the chartering of its ships to DOD in the event of a call-up.

The MSP contract price paid to the carriers is, in its essential form, an insurance premium being paid for access to the multibillion dollar intermodal transportation network. This is clearly, in my judgment, the most cost-effective method yet proposed to allow for DOD access to sophisticated sustainment capability.

Finally, the Emergency Preparedness Program will also require periodic training exercises with the commercial fleet.

The United States Transportation Command is already conducting training exercises with select carriers on a voluntary basis as part of the VISA pilot program.

As part of the Maritime Security Program, training exercises through simulated call-ups will become an integral part of the Department of Defense's Sealift Readiness Program.

We will begin to exercise our sustained commercial sealift muscles on a regular basis. The next time an international incident, such as the Persian Gulf, arises, God forbid, the United States should be and will be ready under this bill.

As we debate this bill today, I ask my colleagues in the Senate to look at the large picture now and avoid getting caught up in issues and subissues that are being raised as reasons to block the passage of the House bill, H.R. 1350, today.

I believe that if we do not act on this bill today, there will be no U.S. flag sustainment fleet in the immediate future. The loss of our private commercial sealift will, in turn, result in huge defense costs and a gaping hole in our national sealift strategy.

Mr. President, the Senate has the opportunity to close the book on an issue that has been ongoing for decades and, I believe, may and should act in a manner which strengthens our national security.

I commend this bill to the Senate on the basis of the many hours I have spent with my colleague from Hawaii in trying to find a solution to the problems which beset our sealift capability.

Mr. INOUYE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii is recognized.

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Senator LOTT, the distinguished former chairman of the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, for his commitment to the cause of reformulating our maritime policies, and also welcome Senator HUTCHISON, who was recently appointed chairman of the subcommittee.

I also wish to commend my colleague from Alaska for once again coming to the front and distinguishing himself in managing this bill before us.

Mr. President, the measure before us truly represents a bipartisan effort, and I urge all of the Members of this body to support this bill.

In recent years, we have spent a great deal of time and effort in evaluating and discussing maritime policy. Unfortunately, to date, this evaluation and discussion has not resulted in action. It is time to step forward and to ensure the continuing presence of U.S.-flag vessels.

This country, the sole remaining superpower, cannot be put in a position of relying on the goodwill of foreign nations to transport vital military cargo. And, we cannot rely on the goodwill of foreign nations to achieve the transportation of cargoes vital to our economic interests. It is not an acceptable or prudent national policy.

One of the issues that the Department of Defense [DOD] was forced to confront in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf conflict was the inadequacy of U.S. sealift assets.

While the logistical efforts put forth by the military in the gulf war were truly astounding, including the sealift of more than 10 million tons of surge and sustainment materiel by sea, it was evident that U.S. forces could not have accomplished this sealift alone without the support of foreign nations.

While the Persian Gulf conflict unified international opposition to the actions of the Iraqi government, and allowed for the international coordination of sealift, we cannot expect international support for every conflict.

We must be able to ensure that U.S.-flag shipping is available to bring materiel and ammunition to soldiers who are defending our interests on foreign soil.

One only has to look as far as the recent developments in Iraq. Our allies were less than forthcoming in efforts to provide assistance. If we need to proceed on a unilateral basis we must have the requisite sealift.

We must also remember that the United States is a maritime nation.

As a Senator from the only island State in the United States, I appreciate the importance of ocean shipping. The continued disintegration of the U.S.-flag transportation fleet greatly concerns me. I fear the possibility of being completely reliant on foreign corporations and foreign nations for transportation service.

A study of history will reveal the cyclical patterns of U.S. maritime development. Historically, the U.S.-flag fleet has suffered through long periods of neglect and disregard, only to reemerge. Reemergence usually occurs in times of national emergency, and usually only after the Government has spent considerable sums in reestablishing our fleet. Today we cannot afford to repeat this cycle again. Once more we are approaching a precipice. But this time it is one from which we may not be able to turn back. We are facing the total elimination of the international presence of U.S.-flag carriage.

After the end of the Civil War, interest in maritime activities waned, leaving waterborne commerce and shipbuilding mainly in the hands of foreign countries. In 1914, with the onset of World War I, ocean shipping rates rose 300 to 400 percent. In 1916, the U.S. Government realized the need for a strong U.S.-flag merchant fleet and began a massive shipbuilding campaign.

However, most of these ships were not complete by the end of the war and throughout the war, the United States depended largely on foreign shipping to support American soldiers. Unfortunately, little was learned from this, and most of these ships were allowed to fall into disuse within only a few years.

In 1936, Congress passed the Merchant Marine Act which would revolutionize American shipping. It provided a workable basis for building and maintaining a strong U.S.-flag merchant marine. This act came at precisely the right time—with the onset of World War II just a few years later.

In this war, once again, one of the most critical shortages was merchant shipping, but the United States was prepared and able to construct many vessels. By the end of the war, the United States had used over 4,000 war-built merchant ships. The U.S.-flag merchant marine was vital to war efforts and suffered great casualties.

At the end of the war more than 700 U.S.-flag vessels had been sunk and more than 6,000 civilian merchant mariners had lost their lives. Their casualty rate was second only to the U.S. Marine Corps.

In 1950, the private U.S.-flag merchant marine was comprised of 1,170 ships totaling 14.1 million deadweight tonnage. With this surplus of ships, once again, the merchant marine was allowed to become stagnant and shipbuilding was greatly reduced.

In 1970, the U.S.-flag merchant marine comprised 793 ships totaling 14.4 million deadweight tons. The number of ships had been greatly reduced, but, because of new, larger vessels, tonnage was increased by 300,000 tons. The United States was then ranked No. 8 in the world in deadweight tonnage. As we all know, in 1945, at the end of the Great War, we were No. 1. It may interest you to know we are at this moment No. 14. The superpower of this planet is No. 14 when it comes to shipping.

Today our merchant fleet has fewer than 350 vessels, although our tonnage capacity is over 20 million deadweight tons as U.S. operators use larger, more efficient vessels.

Although the United States has many of the most innovative ships in the world in its fleet, it still is increasingly difficult for American vessels to compete in the international trades against foreign subsidies, state-owned fleets, and the tax advantages and lack of meaningful foreign regulation of foreign vessels.

In addition, we have seen the promulgation of the operation of vessels under flags of convenience. Flag-of-convenience vessels have nominal connection to the country whose flag it flies. They sail under the Liberian flag, Panamanian flag and, believe it or not, under the Swiss flag. There are no harbors in Switzerland, but they have a fleet which, incidentally is larger than ours. They do not pay taxes, nor do their workers pay tax to the nation whose law they operate under. In fact, they do not even employ citizens from the host nation, and they may never even visit that nation.

In the last decade many U.S. shipping companies have begun placing their vessels under flag-of-convenience registries. The high cost of doing business under the American flag—paying full U.S. taxes, abiding by all U.S. laws and the numerous rules and regulations imposed by the Federal Government—have contributed greatly to this movement.

The simple fact is that today, if these trends continue, the U.S.-flag fleet will disappear from the sealanes of the world in less than 10 years. We cannot allow this to happen. This is why we must act now.

In the early 1990's, the Persian Gulf war once again proved the importance of a strong, vital U.S.-flag merchant marine. This conflict proved that the only reliable choice is to use American vessels with American crews. Too often during the Persian Gulf war, foreign-flag ships with foreign crews refused to enter the war zone.

We did not see this on our front pages, but on 16 different occasions foreign-flag vessels with our cargo declined to provide transportation service into the Persian Gulf. But we were fortunate in the Persian Gulf war. Saddam Hussein did not attack Saudi Arabia. Why he hesitated we have no idea. We had the time to get the job done with a unified coalition. We may not be so lucky in the future.

We must, therefore, have in place a modern, capable, and reliable U.S.-flag

fleet with the same loyal Americans to crew them whose predecessors have never let us down in the more than 200 years of our Nation's history.

The Maritime Security Act of 1995 is essential to the military security of our Nation.

Specifically, this legislation will do the following: It will guarantee a pool of American citizen crews and a 50-ship fleet of militarily useful U.S.-flag commercial sealift vessels for our national security; it will also provide that the companies' entire intermodal logistical support systems—containers, rail cars, computer tracking, port operations, and management—will be available to the DOD when needed; it will guarantee the availability of American mariners to crew the DOD's sealift fleet of fast sealift ships, prepositioned ships and Ready Reserve Force vessels; and it will ensure that military supplies are on reliable U.S.-flag ships with patriotic, dependable American citizen crews. Many people are unaware that even our DOD reserve fleet vessels are operated by civilian merchant marines, because they cost less to operate than vessels directly controlled by the Navy.

This Maritime Security Act will cut costs by more than 50 percent compared to today's program. It will reduce burdensome Government regulations that hamstring U.S.-flag operators which give competitive advantage to foreign-flag companies.

And it will save the Defense Department billions of dollars—because the DOD will be able to use modern, state-of-the-art commercial assets rather than buying and maintaining this capability on their own. It is eight times cheaper to have the private sector perform this vital national security task—and this point alone makes the Maritime Security Act a commonsense bargain for America.

My fellow colleagues, in the past we have often taken for granted the role of the merchant marine in the economy and security of the United States. We cannot afford to do so today—nor can we suddenly rebuild a maritime capability in the future if we need it urgently.

It is simply not economically feasible or realistic to repeat the mistakes—the ups and downs of maritime support—we have made in the past.

We need a merchant marine in place that is strong and reliable in both peacetime and wartime. The new maritime security program will help our Nation reach this goal in a cost-effective, more efficient and more competitive manner. So I urge all my colleagues to support this program, and to enact it into law.

I thank the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I think the Senate will note my partner across the aisle and I have been involved in a lot of issues together, particularly defense issues. With regard to these issues, at times the Senator from Hawaii has been chairman of the subcommittee. At other times, I have, depending upon the political winds of our country. But the Senator from Hawaii and I, as I have said in my opening statement, spent many hours over the last two decades trying to find a way to solve this problem.

At one time when I was both chairman of the subcommittee of Appropriations and the subcommittee of Commerce, I secured the approval of the Senate, not once but twice, of a special program, the Eisenhower Build and Lease program. We tried to put it back into effect. We actually had the Congress appropriate more than $1 billion in a reserve to start that program. It was not possible to get it started because of the various conflicts within our merchant marine industry.

We are now in a position of, really, suggesting to the Senate what amounts to a proposal like the Civil Air Reserve Fleet that we use in the event of emergency, where we have preexisting contracts with airlines that enable us to, really, commandeer our civilian airline fleet in order to meet our emergency needs. That is what we are talking about.

We have now switched over to a concept of relying upon the private sector to build and we will lease. The Eisenhower program was building and then leasing. That went on for a period of time, but it just did not work because of the problem within the industry of subsidizing one line and not subsidizing another. It led to, really, problems within the merchant marine fleet.

This answer that has come to us from the House, I think, is the most worthwhile approach that I have seen. It has taken a long time to work out. I am hopeful we will see approval of it today.

Does the Senator from Iowa seek the floor at this time?

Mr. GRASSLEY. Shortly.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMPSON). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I have checked with the participants in this piece of legislation. It may be some time before they will be able to start their deliberation. Therefore, I ask unanimous consent that I might proceed for up to 10 minutes, as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 1997 INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, when the Senate returns to the consideration of the Interior appropriations bill, I intend to offer an amendment that would redirect the bill's earmark of $3 million to create a 20,000 acre national wildlife refuge in western Kentucky.

On Monday, the Senate approved the energy and water appropriations bill that, due to budget constraints imposed by this Congress, will not adequately fund an important, existing environmental project in western Kentucky called the Land Between the Lakes. LBL is a 170,000-acre preserve located just 15 miles east of the Interior bill's proposed wildlife refuge.

I fail to see the logic of what some people are proposing here: inadequately fund one outdoor facility, the Land Between the Lakes, on Monday, and then, just days later, try to appropriate funding for a new facility just 15 miles away. In Marshall County, where most of the proposed refuge would be located, the judge/executive has asked me, ''why don't we take care of what we've got before we open a new nature preserve?'' I could not agree more. The fact of the matter is that we are not taking care of the Land Between the Lakes. Its appropriation has dropped by one-third since 1994 even as millions of dollars' worth of maintenance projects pile up.

The rider in the Interior appropriations bill will ensure that LBL and other wilderness projects continue to go begging in years to come. That is because the $3 million earmarked in the Interior appropriations bill is just a fraction of the $15–20 million it will cost to actually create the refuge. That is not just me talking. Those estimates are from the Congressional Budget Office and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. So, Mr. President, supporters of the earmark will be back next year, and the year after, looking for more money for this new project.

What is worse is that Kentuckians living in the surrounding counties do not even support the proposed wildlife refuge created by the bill. I have already mentioned the statement of the Marshall County Judge executive. Well, the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District has also gone on record, saying, ''Our opposition to making a Federal Wildlife Refuge of the East Ford of Clark's River stems from the overwhelming opposition of land owners and tenants in the proposed area.''

The sentiment if the same in Murray, KY, located in the adjacent county of Calloway. I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD an editorial from the Murray Ledger-Times.

There being no objection, the editorial was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Murray Ledger & Times, Feb. 8, 1996]

NATIONAL REFUGE AT ODDS WITH LBL DILEMMA

We're scratching our heads over the latest from Sen. Mitch McConnell.

What could McConnell be thinking?

We know it's an election year, but can his plan to create a national wildlife refuge just

15 miles west of Land Between the Lakes be serious?

The senator wants to buy up to 20,000 acres of land located on the east fork of Clarks River which is the site of the only major bottomland hardwood area left in Kentucky.

Listening to McConnell's plans for the area reminds us of a brochure for LBL.

The senator stresses the environmental and educational benefits of such a wildlife refuge.

Hmmm—they say the same thing about LBL.

McConnell's proposal is puzzling in light of his involvement in securing operational funds for LBL.

The Tennessee Valley Authority has been under a constant barrage from congressional critics the last two years. We don't expect that scrutiny to lessen in the future.

McConnell has created his own catch-22 with a plan to spend federal money to establish a wildlife refuge while TVA officials are busy peddling a commercialized LBL.

If adequate funding can be assured for both wildlife areas, we gladly embrace McConnell's plan.

However, Washington, D.C. becomes a twilight zone for such promises.

Unless LBL's status becomes more secure, we'll have to say thanks, but no thanks, Mitch.

Mr. FORD. The Ledger-Times reminds us that the refuge and the project at Land Between the Lakes would provide very similar services and that the creation of the refuge will put future LBL funding at risk.

Mr. President, supporters of the refuge have compiled a seemingly impressive list of endorsements. But listen to who is on the list: Mall Interiors, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and Pride, Inc. I have no doubt that these are fine organizations, but how are they qualified to speak to a proposed wildlife refuge in western Kentucky?

Of course, there is also a list of Kentucky environmental organizations who support the refuge. But again, you will not hear the name of a single county or county organization in or near the proposed wildlife refuge that supports it. In fact, the closes organization is located over 80 miles and five counties away from where the refuge would be located.

We should listen to the people of western Kentucky before creating a refuge that currently includes at least 7,000 acres of cropland. What will happen to that cropland? What about the communities and families in and around the refuge? At a minimum, we should be holding official public hearings in the community and inviting public comment before establishing a wildlife refuge instead of creating it through an appropriations earmark.

Mr. President, my amendment redirects the bill's earmarked funds toward Land Between the Lakes projects that already enjoy wide support in Kentucky. First, my amendment provides $2.25 million for the repair and maintenance costs of ''the Trace,'' which is the north-south roadway in the Land Between the Lakes. Over 2 million people visit the LBL every year and they ought to be able to get from one end to the other on a decent, safe road.

Second, my amendment directs $275,000 to repair the Brandon Springs Resident Center, which serves as a youth camp for underprivileged and disabled children. Brandon Springs is a great resource that we need to protect and preserve, but its facilities are inadequate and overextended. We need to make a commitment to Brandon Springs, not just for children from Kentucky, but for the children who come from Tennessee, Alabama, the Carolinas, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Virginia, and Ohio for a real wilderness experience. This is not just a local operation. It is a national operation, Mr. President.

Last, my amendment directs $475,000 to provide water and sewer service and disabled access for the youth station in the Land Between the Lakes. Mr. President, it was heartbreaking to see this facility closed due to lack of funds, which gave kids the chance to live in the great outdoors and learn how to be good stewards of our natural resources. Until it was closed due to lack of funding, the youth station provided environmental education to thousands of schoolchildren, including my own grandchildren—and I have that personal experience, Mr. President—as well as adults. Teachers came to youth station to receive valuable training in environmental education at the facility and took that information back to their students. If the center is reopened, I understand that at least two different universities in the area have offered to assume the operational and programming responsibilities of the facility, which will allow programs to continue with virtually no Federal cost.

I have letters of support for what I propose today, and I ask unanimous consent that they be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letters were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

MAYFIELD, KY.

Senator WENDELL FORD,
Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC.

TO SENATOR FORD: I am writing this letter to you about a matter I feel is of great importance to our region in Western Kentucky. My name is Tawnya Hunter and I am a teacher at Graves County High School in Mayfield, Kentucky. The matter which I would like to inform you about is the closing of the Youth Station in Land Between the Lakes.

As you know TVA has been cutting back on its funding of LBL and one of its major cut backs was the closing of the Youth Station. The Youth Station has been serving children and adults of this area as well as across the country for about twenty years. Children come and stay for various camps though fewer and fewer have been offered to them in the last five to six years. Murray State has been using the Youth Station for about twelve years for several different teacher training courses. This is how I got involved. I attended a week long class on Environmental Education in which I got graduate credit for. The experiences and materials obtained during that week far surpass other classes and courses that are required to take for masters classes. The same course taught in a regular classroom would not have the same effect.

Since the impending closure Murray State has come up with a proposal to run the Youth Station for TVA. TVA turned the proposal down stating it could not afford what Murray State proposed. What was proposed was that TVA allow Murray State to run the facility and take over all costs after TVA restored the place to a running condition (i.e., fix the plumbing, telephones). This is where TVA said they could not afford this. To let a facility like this go would be a tremendous waste. If TVA truly cannot afford this proposal then maybe Congress could pass a one time appropriation to cover the initial cost to fix the Youth Station. This is where I need your help. I am not in the habit of writing Congressmen about problems but this is something that I feel very strongly about, and I do not know where else to turn. If there is anything that you could do to help, it would be well worth your time and would be greatly appreciated. Dr. Joseph Baust is the contact person at Murray State and has been working extensively on saving the Youth Station since 1991. He would be more than willing to meet with you or talk to you about this any place and at any time. He can also tell you much more about this than I can. I have really only told you the very basics of this issue. Irene Riley is my ''Granny'' (my husband's Grandma but I consider her mine too) and I know that she talked to you on your trip to Mayfield. Thank you in advance for any consideration you give this issue.

Sincerely yours,

TAWNYA HUNTER.

HOPKINSVILLE ELECTRIC SYSTEM,
Hopkinsville, KY, May 7, 1996.

Ms. MOIRA SHEA,
Senator Ford's Office, Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MOIRA: Thank you for your call and Senator Ford's interest in Land Between the Lakes (LBL). As I mentioned, the LBL budget request for this year is $6.6 million which includes $900,000 for TVA police services not included last year.

As a user of LBL, I personally think the budget has already been cut too far. Attractions have been closed and roads and facilities continue to deteriorate.

For example, ''The Trace'', which is the major north/south roadway, is falling into disrepair. The cost to repave it this year is $2.15 million which is not in the budget request.

The Brandon Spring Group Camp had to be closed because there was just not enough money to keep it in repair. This facility was used by Murray State and other schools as a youth camp, including under-privileged and disabled kids. There, these kids could feel the great outdoors and study the protection of our natural environment. The cost to refurbish this facility, which includes repairing the ceilings, a new HVAC unit, along with trail, fishing pier and parking lot renovation (handicapped access), is $261,000—also not in the budget request.

Funding of the above projects would go a long way toward restoring LBL to a more usable state and would be much appreciated by this region. However, this needs to be an add-on to the budget request as funding of TVA's other Land and Water Stewardship projects has already been cut to the bone. We, the friends of LBL, certainly would be obliged by any assistance Senator Ford could provide. Say ''hello'' to Senator Ford and Charles for me.

Sincerely,

AUSTIN B. CARROLL,
General Manager.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I am not opposed to the creation of a wildlife refuge, as proposed in the bill. What concerns me is the idea that we here in the Senate can or should designate thousands of acres of cropland—over 7,000 acres of cropland—as a wildlife refuge without even consulting affected farmers. What concerns me is that we would make this designation without consulting or seeking the consent of the affected localities. What concerns me is a proposal that results in Kentuckians writing to me to say, ''no one seems to listen'' isn't that something?—''no one seems to listen to what the majority of landowners and farmers, who are directly involved, are saying.''

With my amendment, we will be listening to the people of western Kentucky. My amendment, unlike the proposal in the bill, has the support of citizens in Kentucky who live around the Land Between the Lakes and helps to preserve a vital natural resource we already have.

I urge my colleagues, if we get to the Interior bill, that they support the adoption of my amendment.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—VETO MESSAGE TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 1833

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the veto message to accompany H.R. 1833 be temporarily set aside to be called up by the majority leader after consultation with the Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MARITIME SECURITY ACT

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I rise to speak on the maritime bill that is before us. I, first of all, want to compliment the leadership of the Senate, plus the managers of this legislation, because we are bringing up maritime legislation in the daylight. The last time it was brought up it was the last item on an omnibus bill, a very big omnibus bill. It was at 9 o'clock at night. It was just before we were taking a week's recess. And it was to finance a subsidy for the maritime industry.

For something that costly, for something that important, it seems to me it is not something that we should try to sneak through in the dark of night as the last piece of business because controversy that is connected with it might not be so welcomed to be answered. And, consequently, we just avoided all the necessary discussion we ought to have of very costly legislation.

So here we are not doing it on a Friday. We are not doing it late in the evening. And I want to compliment the leadership for bringing up a very important new program, a very costly new program, at a time when it can be given some legitimate consideration.

I also want to compliment our majority leader because he has been very forthright with me and very open with me in making sure that I had opportunities to present my point of view and to offer amendments. And it was not handled in the stealth manner that I have teased him about in the past as this bill was working its way out of committee. So I think again it is being done in an open and very forthright manner so we can have discussion on this.

I see the leader has come in. And if he is here to do other business, I would be happy to yield to him for that sole purpose.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, would the Senator yield just briefly?

Mr. GRASSLEY. I will yield, not losing my right to the floor, yes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. I want to thank the distinguished Senator from Iowa for his comments. I know that this is an issue that he has an interest in. We talked about it. And I had indicated to him earlier, even though we picked at each other for years on this subject, that this would certainly be something that he would be given notice on and that we would meet with him and talk to him about the substance, about what was within it and not within it, and to give him ample time to study it and prepare remarks and amendments.

The only reason we are starting as late in the afternoon as we are is because I believe he had a conflict, and we wanted to try to accommodate him earlier. We are going to continue to proceed in that way. We want to make sure everybody has a chance to make their case and look at this legislation very carefully. I appreciate his attitude and his comments very much. I just wanted to thank him for that.

Mr. GRASSLEY. While we are talking about accommodating me, from 8 to 8:30 I have my monthly town meeting via television satellite with the people of Iowa. I would like to be able to keep that.

Mr. LOTT. If the Senator would yield for me to respond to that, and for no other purposes, Mr. President, we certainly have other Senators that want to make statements and maybe debate on amendments. We will make sure that nothing happens during that time that would be a problem for him. I yield the floor.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, why are the taxpayers up in arms about Washington, DC? I think it is because they know how to spend their money better than Washington does. Americans are overtaxed. Ask any of them. Washington is also overweight. Today American workers work longer, they work harder, just so that Washington can spend more of their money. Taxpayers sacrifice more, I am sorry to say, so that Washington can spend more. That is just not right.

I want to make it possible for taxpayers to keep more of their own money. Part of that is to get Congress then to stop spending so darn much of it in the first place. That is why whenever I see a grossly wasteful program, I feel obliged to squeeze the fat out of it. And I urge my colleagues to help in that effort.

Maritime subsidies, the subject of this legislation, is one, one blatant example of how Washington wastes taxpayers' hard-earned money. It is a case study in how Washington turns common sense upside down. Instead of competition for lower costs, this program creates a monopoly that raises costs. Now we all expect competition to lower costs, and in most instances it does lower costs, but the program that is in this legislation creates a monopoly. And you know what happens most of the time when you have a monopoly? That ends up raising costs.

Instead of supporting the national security, as this program purports to do, this program is becoming irrelevant to national security.

This program delivers to the taxpayers higher costs and no national security benefit. Should that not be a clue that this program is wasteful? I know how the taxpayers would answer that question, Mr. President, but I am not sure yet how my 99 other colleagues will answer that question.

There is an old way and a new way of doing business in Washington. The old way is to spend money to get reelected. Just tax the citizenry more to pay for that effort. The money goes to wealthy companies—we call that corporate welfare—and it goes to powerful unions. It becomes corporate and union welfare. They keep getting more money from the Treasury and then they have clout. They pay contributions to reelect friends; that way they do not have to be accountable for the taxpayers' money.

A very ineffective program can exist and survive in Washington simply because it has so much clout. That is the political game in Washington. That is the political game that the grassroots of America, if people are candid with you, are sick and tired of. That is also how Washington wastes the taxpayers' money. To Washington, it is not waste. No, it is not waste. It is currency. It is the cost of getting reelected. That is the old way of doing business in Washington.

The new way, beginning with this Congress, is to be frugal. The era of big Government is over. Even President Clinton said that in his State of the

Union Message. Of course, even big-spending liberals are saying that. We are a vote or two shy of the balanced budget constitutional amendment, and maybe then, eventually, of getting a balanced budget. The days of fiscal responsibility are nearly upon us.

That is why, Mr. President, I view this vote on this bill, my amendments to this bill, as a test case for this Congress, a test between doing business the old way and doing business the new way. Taxpayers are tired of the burden we place on the taxpayers to feed the appetite of Washington bureaucracy. It is time for Washington to sacrifice for a change.

Mr. President, I am pleased to have this opportunity to share my concerns about the bill before the Senate. That bill is H.R. 1350, the Maritime Security Act. I am pleased to have the opportunity to offer a few amendments to address these problems.

Frankly, if these amendments pass, I intend to support the bill. When I talk about supporting and when I talk about amendments, because of my historical opposition to maritime legislation subsidies, the subsidies that are in the legislation, people might feel, well, I am gearing up to talk this bill to death and to not let it come to a vote. I have assured the leader that we are talking about minutes on amendments and some time for me to make opening statements. The legislative process in this body on this bill, even though maybe the outcome may not be to my liking, should work its will.

Mr. President, my criticism of maritime subsidies has centered upon the fact that taxpayers and consumers have suffered under the burden of monopoly. Let me emphasize that monopoly, maritime rates, and also hidden back-door subsidies, all meant to materially and beneficially impact our national security, but all the time we have these monopoly rates and these hidden back-door subsidies, the sad commentary is that it only marginally assists. I want to emphasize, only marginally assists our national defense.

This may be one reason that the Defense Department resisted so strongly having to pay for H.R. 1350, the Maritime Security Act. The Department of Defense resists paying for this cost, and yet it is being offered to us as necessary for our national security. Who is more concerned about the national security of the United States of America and our responsibilities in the world than, of course, the Department of Defense? Yet, let me say to you, this bill is being offered as necessary for our national security, yet the Department of Defense resists strongly having to pay for H.R. 1350.

It seems these subsidies have far more to do with maritime union welfare and with corporate welfare and much less to do with the defense of our Nation. The maritime union welfare focus is clearly borne out by the 1993 maritime decision memo prepared by President Clinton's very own Cabinet officials. These Cabinet officials told President Clinton that the primary purpose of these maritime subsidies is to pay high-priced wages and benefits of seafarers. This is not Republican Senator Chuck GRASSLEY saying why we are having this bill before the Senate. This is the President's own Cabinet people saying that the primary purpose of these subsidies is to pay high-priced wages and benefits of seafarers.

Mr. President, now, again, besides the President's own Cabinet, I am not alone in opposition to our current system of maritime subsidies. Prominent public interest in taxpayer organizations such as the Citizens Against Government Waste, the National Taxpayers Union, Citizens for a Sound Economy, and Americans for Tax Reform all oppose H.R. 1350, the Maritime Security Act. These are the people who issue report cards at election time. These are the people that your constituents—who expect you to be fiscally responsible—look at how they rate you, as fiscally responsible or fiscally irresponsible, who put out reports, and legitimately so, in the spirit of free speech and the process of representative government, to tell you or your constituents, are you pro-taxpayer or anti-taxpayer? These organizations oppose this legislation.

I might add, however, that these groups do support the changes I seek, the amendments I offer. They support my amendments because this is clearly a taxpayer/good government issue. My amendments are also supported by a number of retired admirals.

Now, for my colleagues on the floor who are so closely and legitimately associated with uniform military leadership of America, I want to remind you the very same admirals I am talking about are the ones who had previously been listed as supporters of this legislation but had been given some sparse information about it. Their comments are revealing.

I refer, first of all, to a letter I received June 8, 1996, from Vice Adm. George P. Steele, U.S. Navy, retired. I will not read the entire letter, but he said in part:

> My signature is on a form submitted by the American Security Council. I only signed that form to gain time for a mature study of a then-pending bill which could have resulted in subsidies for the VLCC's, and now that I see how my name is being used, I much regret it. I was invited to help that council formulate positions and I met with their representative, and I have not heard from them since, but I am not surprised that my opinions do not suit them.
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> I do believe that this country needs and should pay for only that part of the U.S. Merchant Marine that is configured in type and numbers to support our authenticated defense requirements. I am opposed to the continuation of Federal programs mostly designed to line the pockets of unions, owners, and shipbuilders unwilling to give up grossly inefficient practices. We desperately need a fresh start, not a continuing jobs program.
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> Signed, ''George P. Steele, Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy, retired.''

Then we have a Karl J. Bernstein. This is a handwritten note that I received in June 1996:

> Thank you for your letter of May 30, 1996. It was most informative. Had I been aware of the facts, I certainly would not have agreed to the Maritime Reform and Security Act of 1995, as recommended by the American Security Council. Their pitch was the usual one: ''We need adequate sealift.'' Of course, everyone will agree to that.

Then I have a letter from Rear Adm. J. L. Abbott, retired, U.S. Navy, June 11, 1996:

> Of all the words, those quoted from a Defense Department memo—

That is the one that I said the Clinton Cabinet presented to the President to make a final choice on this legislation.

I will start over:

> Of all the words, those quoted from a Defense Department memo strike me as most compelling. The issue of two major U.S.-flag container ship operators disposing of their U.S.-flag fleet is primarily an economic policy issue rather than a national security issue and should be treated accordingly. I certainly support additional hearings by both the Senate Commerce Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee to probe exhaustively into the above-quoted statement in order to find out where the truth lies.

Mr. President, my staff has just advised me that when I was quoting from that last letter and I referred to the Defense Department memo, I said that was the very same memo the Cabinet people had given to the President for him to make his judgment on. I was in error. That memo referred to in Admiral Abbott's letter was the memo of former DOD Assistant Secretary Colin McMillen. That was Colin McMillen's quote I just gave.

I could give a lot of letters. I want to finish with this one. These are Charles Minter's comments, a vice admiral, and this is penciled in at the top of a questionnaire that I sent to him asking him to fill out. He said:

> I greatly appreciate your bringing to my attention facts of which I was previously unaware. I strongly support additional hearings at which voices in opposition can be heard so that legislation which best deals with our sealift capability to be effected.

I only bring these letters to my colleagues' attention because there is going to be a lot of weight put on by the proponents of this legislation in support of this legislation, saying that we have all these retired admirals who are saying this legislation is absolutely essential. I didn't know what sort of reaction I would get from these admirals. Obviously, all of them did not write back saying that they disagreed with their original position. But I would like to have my colleagues take with some caution this reference to their support, because we have a lot of these admirals who have questioned the use of their name.

We also have Admirals Minter, Edward Martin, Victor Long, Theodore Almstedt, Robert Stroh, and I have already talked about Karl Bernstein.

These folks particularly were on record that we needed further hearings on this bill. We worked very hard with the chairman of the Commerce Committee to get hearings, and he consented to have those hearings, and they never materialized because of legislative responsibilities. But the reason for further hearings was that, at the time this bill had a hearing on it, opponents asked for an opportunity to be heard and there was no opportunity for the opposition to be heard. So the committee record, obviously, is not complete, because you should have both a balance between those who support legislation and those against the legislation. But the leadership wanted to move this bill out of committee very rapidly. That caused me some concern a year ago. I wish it hadn't happened, but it does happen, and when those hurdles are crossed, we are where we are now. So, hopefully, some of these things could have been worked out in committee.

Now, these admirals that I referred to also support my amendments to, first of all, restrict tax-supported seafarer war bonuses to those given regular military, so that there is a parity between our full-time military people who get war bonuses along with seafarers who get bonuses. I will show you where there is a terrible distortion and unfairness in that.

Seafarers, unlike people in the military, reserve some right to serve when called on, and our full-time military people do not have that right. So I have an amendment dealing with that subject. The next one requires subsidized U.S. carriers to provide both U.S.-flag vessels and crews in meeting its military obligations and does not allow them to substitute foreign flags and foreign crews for any or all of their military sustainment voyage responsibilities.

That amendment is a direct result of something Senator LOTT said before he was floor leader, when this issue was up, as I referred to well over a year ago, when it was brought up late in the evening on a Friday before we were taking a recess. He said that we have to have this program because we have to make sure that American merchant mariners with American-flag ships are available to transport our materiel. This legislation does not require that. This legislation allows contracting for non-American-flag ships to do that.

Fourth, we would provide for the Department of Defense, and other agencies, buy-America type laws that protect taxpayers from price gouging. Again, all of these admirals are listed by the American Security Council as supporters of this bill before us. Yet, when given some facts—and we mailed them the Rubin-Clinton maritime memo, which is a memo that I previously referred to that the Cabinet sent to the President to make his decision as to whether or not he should get behind this legislation. These admirals, particularly after reading the Rubin-Clinton maritime memo, agreed that my amendment should pass and that further hearings should have been held.

I offer these as basic commonsense amendments. They are protaxpayer and prodefense amendments. If we continue to subsidize maritime in the name of national defense then the U.S.-flag carriers and seafarers must serve when called. It must not be optional. It is not optional for the people right now who are leaving the United States on their way to Kuwait because of problems in Iraq with Saddam Hussein, and the President defines those problems as needing another 5,000 troops on the ground in Kuwait. You saw those families on television last night with tears in their eyes but with an understanding that this is their job. And without question, they just pack up and go when called. The people operating our maritime fleets have an option.

Of course, as with any taxpayer subsidies, taxpayer protections ought to be provided. So my amendments will do that.

I want to highlight a few problems, and be more specific than I have with H.R. 1350.

Problem No. 1: It is simple—maritime union and corporate welfare. If someone told you, Mr. President, that the Clinton administration was trying to mislead us, someone might respond, ''What's new?'' What would be new is after receiving clear evidence that this ploy involves a jobs program for the maritime union that the Republican-controlled Congress went along with it. And the Republican Congress, when I am done, is going to know that this is what this is. How people vote is their choice. But it is not the Clinton administration that is misleading us. We bear some responsibility on the majority side of the aisle for that. Earlier this year, Citizens Against Government Waste delivered to every Senate office such evidence. And it is this internal White House memo from Secretary of the Treasury, Robert Rubin, to President Clinton discussing maritime subsidies. This memo represents the deliberations and conclusions of the political heads of 16 different executive branch agencies—departments, and agencies. We have a memo from the President's own people to the President. I suggest that it was never intended that this would ever get into the public domain. This memo now shows that 15 of 16 agencies supported a deficit-neutral maritime subsidy option that—this is from the memo—''would meet the Department of Defense maximum military requirements.''

There were three options in this memo. There was one of deficit neutral. That means, if you change your program, there is enough money someplace else in the budget to pay for it, or it is not going to cost any more than what is in the budget presently for that program. You have 15 out of 16 agencies. These are appointed by a Democratic President. They support a deficit-neutral option. Only the Transportation Secretary opposed this prodefense, taxpayer-friendly option because—again from the memo—''it provides less support than is sought by the industry and its supporters.'' Fifteen out of sixteen Democratic heads of agencies say we ought to take this option because it is deficit neutral, and it would still meet our military needs. You have 1 out of the 16, the Department of Transportation Secretary, who suggests that the other 15 ought to be ignored because their option provides less support than is sought by the industry and its supporters.

Here is the President of the United States representing 269 million people, the only political office representing the entire Nation, who is given a memo by 15 of his advisers saying here is a revenue-neutral option that will meet our military needs. But he has one who says, ''Well, forget about the military needs. Forget about being deficit neutral. The industry wants this, and its supporters want this.''

So instead of listening to the people, instead of listening to 15 of your 16 department heads, you get a recommendation from one person who says it is based upon what the industry wants and what its supporters want.

And that is what we have before us. What is truly remarkable about this memo is the admission that ''subsidies are needed principally to offset the higher wages of U.S. mariners.'' President Clinton ignored the plan supported by 15 of his agency heads including, let me say, the agency that is concerned and which administers our national security—the Defense Department —and sent to Congress a far more expensive bill that 3 years later is basically included in H.R. 1350.

In other words, for President Clinton, the era of expensive Government is not over. With regard to the maritime labor subsidies he still supports wasteful Washington spending, and the subsidies that that spending means.

We all thought that this Congress was going to reform welfare as we know it. If we can eliminate welfare affecting the poor, you would think that we could eliminate welfare of the wealthy maritime companies such as Sealand and powerful maritime unions. But, of course, as we all know, welfare is great, if you can get it.

I suppose that might be what MIT's Defense and Arms Control Studies Institute Director, Harvey Sapolsky, was driving at when he was quoted in the August 1991 Defense News. He said this, and I quote: ''Despite any accompanying rhetoric about national security, subsidies for the Merchant Marine fulfill the commonplace desire of obtaining a livelihood without the burden of having to compete to earn a living.''

So I want to get it straight from the beginning of this debate. Both the Clinton administration officials and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology defense experts agree that maritime subsidies are little more than welfare.

What I find really interesting in this whole approach is that Members of

Congress—particularly my friends on the other side of the aisle—denounce corporate welfare. And you even have Republicans saying that because we had in our tax bill of a year ago $30 billion for elimination of corporate welfare. So you are on to something. Yet, I will bet most Democrats plan to vote in favor of H.R. 1350 which will give wealthy maritime corporations hard-earned taxpayer dollars that these companies hardly need; hardly need.

For instance, after years of opposing subsidies, Sealand looks to gain the most from H.R. 1350. Why should taxpayers of this great country, people that work 40 hours or more a week, or families where two people work and can't pay their bills at the end of the week because so much of their income goes for taxes—why should these hard-working American taxpayers subsidize one of the world's largest and most successful container vessel companies that in recent years has posted record-breaking profits? Are Democrats for corporate welfare? Are these the Democrats, who have awakened Republicans to the crime of corporate welfare so that we put $30 billion of reduction of corporate welfare in our tax bill—are they for corporate welfare now when they support this bill? It appears so. But now what is really up? It is that, while Republicans complained about the millions upon millions of dollars that the AFL-CIO is spending to return Congress to Democratic Party control, my Republican-controlled Congress is on the verge of approving $1 billion in subsidies for some of the most politically active labor unions in the country.

How many Tuesdays and Wednesdays that Republicans meet—this is no clandestine meeting. These meetings are on everybody's schedule. How often do we meet as a Republican Party —I suppose the Democrats meet as the Democratic Party, and they may talk about the same things we talk about but from a different perspective—how many times do we meet and the subject is always coming up of the $35 million that the AFL-CIO is raising by taxing their members more—that $35 million is on top of what they are paying in labor union dues—this $35 million for the campaign for Democrats to regain control of the U.S. Senate?

We are always talking about that. We are nervous about that. We think it is awful that 40 percent of the union members who vote Republican are taxed by their leadership to run these horrible ads, and let me say intellectually dishonest ads, scaring the old people of America against Republicans. Forty percent of those union members vote Republican. They are taxed to run these ads against the political philosophy that they agree with, and they do not even have anything to say about it because this administration rescinded a rule that the Supreme Court gave the minority of American union members the right to ask for their dues back, that portion of which goes for political education. That rule was rescinded by this administration, so that 40 percent of the union members this year pay these dues to perpetuate a lie on television.

We are concerned about that in our Republican caucus, and yet here we have a Republican-controlled Congress on the verge of approving $1 billion in subsidies for some of the most politically active labor unions in this country.

Now, I want to give this some perspective because this is not just $1 billion, and this is not just $35 million that is being spent for this advertising now; this is real money per seafarer.

In an old report, in 1977, by the former House Merchant Marine Subcommittee ranking Republican, because the Republicans were in the minority then, Congressman McCloskey of California said all of the AFL-CIO members each averaged about 11 cents towards campaign contributions.

Obviously, that is way up now with the $35 million.

But there is a contrast between the rest of the AFL–CIO and the Seafarers International Union that contributed $29.06 to political activity. The Marine Engineers Beneficial Association gave a whopping $56.81 per seafarer, which is over 500 times what the average AFL-CIO member gave.

So here we Republicans stand today about to approve a 10-year $1 billion subsidy to pay maritime labor which, at least back in the 1970's, was about 500 times more politically active than the rest of the AFL-CIO unions.

Remember, that is what the Clinton Cabinet told us these subsidies were for—to pay for high-cost maritime labor unions. And I want to read that quote again. Secretary Peña said that you could not go with that option that 15 out of 16 Democrat agency heads wanted because it provided ''less support than is sought by the industry and its supporters.''

Now, that is problem No. 1 of this bill.

Problem No. 2 is that the Department of Defense already has VISA. VISA is an acronym for Volunteer Intermodal Sealift Agreement—VISA, V-I-S-A, Volunteer Intermodal Sealift Agreement. We are being told that this bill, H.R. 1350, will provide our national defense with a wonderful new intermodal transportation system that is crucial in time of national emergency. What is not commonly known is that VISA—again, the Volunteer Intermodal Sealift Agreement—is already in place and will be used to implement H.R. 1350.

Most U.S.-flag carriers have already transferred from the Sealift Readiness Program to VISA. The key point is legal authority already exists for VISA, and that is the Defense Production Act of 1950, and therefore H.R. 1350 and S. 1139 are not needed—not needed unless, of course, you want to funnel welfare subsidies to maritime unions, as revealed in the Rubin-Clinton memo.

So not only is this a high-cost program, but it adds little national security benefit. What kind of a deal is that for the already heavily burdened taxpayers of this great country, people who are spending for State, local, and Federal taxation 40 cents. A Washington bureaucracy is going to waste this money.

Problem No. 3 is that in the process of consideration of this legislation and building grassroots support for it, the active and retired military was misinformed. So some would ask the question, is this merely labor and corporate welfare? And, if so, why does our military support H.R. 1350 and S. 1139? The answer is simple. The Rubin-Clinton memo is evidence of the real position of our defense officials—not this bill. They offered a deficit-neutral plan that would subsidize their true military requirements—as few as 20 U.S.-flag vessels.

But when the Commander in Chief—and that is President Clinton—ignores his defense officials—he ignored the Department of Defense; he ignored 14 other agency heads—and he chooses a more expensive plan, the subsidies that are now included in this bill, then, of course, at that point you know he is the Commander in Chief. The military heads have no other choice but to publicly support their Commander in Chief's decision. Anybody participating in defense budget hearings has experienced firsthand this problem. Military leaders have to fall in line with the Commander in Chief.

But what about all of those retired admirals who support the Maritime Security Act? You can legitimately ask, shouldn't their view be entertained with some degree of authority because of their lifetime commitment to the national security of our country?

It has become clear to me that these retired admirals lent their name to an effort for which they had few reliable facts. Certainly, they did not know about the specific problems with the bill, nor did they know anything about the Defense Department's position, and they surely did not know about the Rubin-Clinton maritime memo.

As I stated earlier, I wrote to a number of these retired admirals giving them a copy of the Rubin-Clinton maritime memo, and I also sent them other information.

I received those very interesting responses that I have already quoted from. Some felt that they had not been fully informed and now support, at the very least, further hearings, and some support these amendments.

Problem No. 4 is that we have adequate sealift capacity with or without these subsidies. Now, here you get to the nitty-gritty of this legislation. It has been the same nitty-gritty for 50 years that we have been trying to promote a strong maritime industry. The excuse is we need it for our national security. I say, and the Department of Defense says, in a deficit-neutral way, with one of the other three options,

their demands for the shipment of materiel in wartime can be met.

U.S.-flag companies have made it clear that their vessels will be available for national defense sealift if they reflag. In fact, our Government makes certain that, if they reflag, they flag under a country that allows the United States to maintain control over the vessels. The Defense Department Joint Chiefs of Staff prepared a definitive analysis of the sealift capacity and availability. It is included in the MRS Mobility Review Study, Bottom-Up Review update.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD an unclassified table from this study, which details the projected sealift capacity upon which our military can depend.

There being no objection, the table was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

TABLE C–17.—(U) FISCAL YEAR 2001 PROJECTED SEALIFT ASSETS WITHOUT MARITIME REFORM

[Unclassified]

Fleet	Ship type	Number	SqFt capacity	TEU capacity	Cube capacity
RRF	Breakbulk	47	551,111	0	842,074
	RO/RO	36	5,699,660	0	0
	Barge Trans	7		1,264	299,000
	CONT—RO/RO	1	47,906	501	
	T—ACS	9	359,816	667	48,170
	Passenger	2		175	42,140
MSC	FSS	8	1,705,385	360	
	LMSR	11	3,955,276		
	Breakbulk	3	44,361		68,200
	RO/RO	3	525,464		
	CONT—BB	1		726	34,600
MPS	RO/RO	13	2,044,835	6,053	
T–AVB	CONT—RO/RO	2		600	
APS	LMSR	8	2,721,388	2,400	
	RO/RO	3	274,663		34,500
	CONT—NSS40	2		4,000	
	Barge Trans	5			174,888
	Heavy Lift	2	88,912	—	—
	T–ACS	1	53,642	36	5,785
U.S. Flag [1]	Breakbulk	1	4,054		3,250
	RO/RO	2	284,902		
	CONT—NSS20	2		2,140	
	CONT—NSS40	6		13,700	
EUSC	Breakbulk	24	558,553		309,195
	Car Transport	7	1,235,000		
	CONT—RO/RO	3	36,450	5,580	
	CONT—NSS20	2		890	
	CONT—NSS40	52		175,368	
	CONT—SS40	2		1,136	
Allied	Breakbulk	22	205,108		135,000
	Car Transport	3	733,482		
	CONT—NSS20	5		9,583	
	CONT—NSS40	10		12,003	
	CONT—SS40	1		250	
	CONT—BB40	2		276	12,386

[1] U.S. flag numbers are less economic withholds.

Mr. GRASSLEY. What is striking about this table is the extent of the vast array of sealift capacity that will be available to the United States in the event that H.R. 1350 subsidies are not passed.

I want my colleagues to note in particular the large number of vessels available to us. These vessels are what we call ''effective U.S.-controlled vessels,'' and they include vessels that are owned by American companies. Foreign flags are reliable. First of all, keep in mind that many foreign-flag vessels are actually owned and controlled by American companies. They flag foreign, they flag under a foreign nation primarily to avoid the unbearable cost of the high salaries and benefits of U.S. seafarers. Foreign-flag vessels delivered about 50 percent of all cargo in the Persian Gulf war. Nearly 200 foreign ships were chartered from 36 nations. Only one ship loaded under DOD contract did not complete its voyage. The handful of small foreign feeder problems were the result of contract disputes with U.S.-flag carriers, not foreign flags.

But far more important is the fact that Congress has already funded the Department of Defense's wartime sealift requirements. Congress provided over $7 billion in the 1980's and will provide another $10 billion in this decade to meet the Department of Defense's unique strategic sealift requirements. The Department of Defense has, over the last two decades, constructed and purchased a sealift force to unilaterally meet our prepositioning and surge sealift wartime requirements as specified by the Bottom-Up Review. The ships of the Department of Defense's strategic sealift force are of the unique military design required to transport heavy tanks and other outsized fighting equipment.

Remember, most of the vessels subsidized by the Maritime Security Act are container vessels that will carry, primarily, sustainment supplies, such as clothing and food, and not sensitive military equipment. This brings all the more light to the significance of the conclusion of Massachusetts Institute of Technology's defense expert, Harvey Sapolsky, who stated:

> Most of the amount hauled in a crisis is done by government-owned standby and reserve ships.
>
> Moreover, there is a ready charter market for commercial cargo vessels when more ships are needed.
>
> The price required for these services in a crisis is cheaper than the cost of maintaining a large subsidized commercial fleet for a mobilization that may not happen again for years.

So, with problem No. 4, the Department of Defense has the capability of meeting our national security needs, getting our materiel from wherever it is now to wherever it must be to conduct war. They do not need this legislation. The Department of Defense said that when they recommended, along with 14 other department heads, to the President of the United States that there is a revenue-neutral, there is a budget-neutral way of doing this that meets our national security needs. That is the Department of Defense. That is 14 other department heads that say that.

Problem No. 5, this bill is not needed to maintain an adequate pool of American seafarers for defense sealift. This, again, refers to the Rubin-Clinton maritime memo. These subsidies will preserve about 2,500 seafaring jobs. There are numerous other sealift manning options. Mr. President, $100 million a year to save 2,500 jobs is too steep a price for taxpayers, in view of all these other options; $100 million to save 2,500 jobs.

This is the high cost of maintaining a monopoly, as I said earlier. This high cost reflects the great success in playing the Washington power game.

Modern, highly automated ships require fewer seafarers. The Government has carefully studied many measures to crew sealift. These include expanding the Naval and Merchant Marine Reserve programs.

What would be particularly cost effective is the option of certifying the mariners employed in the Great Lakes and inland waterways. This option would provide a very large labor pool of over 60,000 mariners who could be used during a national emergency.

Again, if you read the Rubin-Clinton memo, at the bottom of page 3—and this will be made available; it has been made available for everybody this morning in their offices, so every staff

person has this. The Clinton administration argues this:

Subsidizing carriers simply to preserve jobs would leave the Administration hard pressed to explain why it should not also subsidize every other industry that suffers job losses.

It is too bad that part of the Rubin memo was not followed, because that lays it out as plain and simple as you can. If you spend $100 million to save these 2,500 jobs, it is going to open it up so the President is letting down the floodgates for efforts for other new subsidies for other whole industries that suffer job losses.

I might ask, just what kind of seafarers' salaries and benefits are we forcing taxpayers to support? Again, in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Manning study—according to this study, a master or a captain billet costs about $34,000 per month to pay for salary, benefits, and overtime; $34,000 per month. The earlier draft report placed the monthly cost at $44,000, but was lowered in the final report when I made it public that the taxpayers are forced to subsidize about 85 percent of these salary and benefit costs.

This MIT study concluded that with adequate reforms, such as eliminating featherbedding, we can lower subsidies to a little over $1 million per year. Unfortunately, H.R. 1350 provides well over twice that recommended by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which is $2 million per year.

Again, the Rubin-Clinton memo says at the bottom of page 9:

Subsidies are needed principally to offset the higher wages of U.S. mariners.

Let's face it, these high-priced wages and benefits taxpayers are forced to subsidize are at the heart of the demise of our merchant marine fleet. A dozen years ago, then military sealift commander, Vice Adm. Kent Carroll, warned our merchant marine was crumbling. Twelve years ago, we had a vice admiral warning us about the crumbling of our merchant marine:

Why are we in such a mess? One of the reasons is that crew costs continue to be the highest in the world. Monthly crew costs of U.S.-flag ships are as much as three times higher than those of countries with comparable standards of living, such as Norway.

Mr. President, the former military sealift commander hit it on the head. The taxpayer-supported crew costs are driving U.S. carriers to reflag. It makes a mess of the U.S.-flag merchant marine, and it makes a mess for the American taxpayers. It is time for real reform, but that has to be real commonsense reform.

I yield the floor.

Mrs. HUTCHISON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ABRAHAM). The Senator from Texas.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, for more than 5 years, the Congress and two administrations have worked on a bipartisan basis to develop and enact into law a critical program to reform Federal support for the U.S. flag maritime industry and to revitalize our merchant marine as an element of our national defense sealift.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine of the Commerce Committee, I am proud to say that this job is nearly complete. On December 6 of last year, the legislation that embodies this program, H.R. 1350, the Maritime Security Act of 1995, passed the House of Representatives with overwhelming support by voice vote, with full leadership support on both sides of the aisle. Here in the Senate, we have held full, open and public hearings in the Commerce Committee with all interested parties having the opportunity to present their views for and against this program. Significantly, all individuals or organizations affiliated or associated with national defense indicated support for this proposal.

I think you can see from the bipartisan nature of this bill—my colleague on the other side of the aisle and I, working with Senator STEVENS, who is the manager of this bill—that there is agreement on a very important reform that we must produce, and it improves the efficiency of the current program.

Here is what the bill does:

The Maritime Security Act will provide a fleet of militarily useful U.S.-flag commercial vessels and their American citizen crews for our Nation's defense airlift and sealift, as well as guaranteed access to modern intermodal transportation networks and management that can deliver cargo from Kansas to Kuwait and track it every step of the way.

For DOD to duplicate this necessary capability, it would cost over $800 million per year, eight times the yearly cost of the Maritime Security Program. When you think about it, maintaining that kind of ship fleet would be something that the Department of Defense would say would certainly increase their budget. But here we can do it for half the amount than has been done in the past, and it will do the job.

The Maritime Security Program Act, the bill we are discussing, will cut the cost of Federal support for these sealift vessels more than 50 percent from the program now in existence. This will have a spending limit of $100 million a year, compared to the current level of roughly $210 million per year, and this funding is subject to appropriations, not an entitlement, which is currently the case. So you can see that we are cutting back on the subsidy while maintaining this fleet at a much more efficient rate than we could do if we had to maintain the fleets within the Department of Defense.

The Maritime Security Act will eliminate outdated and unnecessary rules and regulations which impede the ability of U.S.-flag commercial vessels to compete, and that prevents, of course, the expansion and modernization of the U.S.-flag fleet. These changes will give our fleet more incentive to hold down costs.

This act will encourage the construction of commercial vessels in U.S. shipyards, a vital program for our economy and for our defense industrial base.

This act is essential to our defense. It is needed now, more than ever. Let me give you an example of how this works.

During Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, more than 350 ships in more than 500 voyages supported the multinational coalition, delivering an average of 42,000 tons of cargo each day. Under this program, 350 ships participated. At the height of this activity, there was a ship every 50 miles, a steel bridge along an 8,000-mile sea lane between the United States and the Persian Gulf. Ninety-five percent of all equipment and supplies needed by American soldiers in the field was moved by sealift. One-third was shipped on privately owned U.S. flag vessels, just what we are talking about today.

Using U.S.-flag vessels was more cost effective during Desert Storm. It cost about $174 per ton of cargo under non-U.S.-flag vessels, but with U.S. flags, it was $122, a 30-percent savings.

But more important, we were able to put American cargo on American ships using American crews to deliver to our American troops. In a time of crisis, we cannot depend on foreign ships. We cannot depend on foreign crews for sealift and sustainment requirements. Without this legislation, our Armed Forces would have to trust foreign vessels for the supplies and support they need to fight and win.

Mr. President, that is not right, and we are not going to let it happen. More recent events in the Persian Gulf area, where many of our closest allies have either refused to participate or refused to allow their soil to support American military operations, should make it very clear to everyone that we must have sealift fleets of vessels that we can count on under our flag and manned by Americans, and that is what this act does.

This act has the strong endorsement of the Department of Defense. General Rutherford, the commander in chief of the U.S. Transportation Command, our Nation's top logistics commander, testified at our Commerce Committee hearing last July that his command wants assured access to this type of quality and quantity of sealift capacity and mariners necessary to meet Department of Defense contingency operations.

This bill provides that. Without the enactment of this legislation this year, America's merchant marine on the sea lanes of the world could essentially disappear.

I am told that our number of U.S.-flagged ships could drop to below 100. Forty years ago, this country had the largest merchant marine fleet in the world and over 4,000 vessels flying the U.S. flag in international trade. Today, there are fewer than 400. Today, we are the world's largest trading nation, but 15 countries have bigger fleets than we

do. We send 96 percent of U.S. exports overseas on foreign-flagged ships. The United States must not become a second-class maritime power.

Geography dictates that lesson today as much as it did 50 years ago. This Maritime Security Act is sound and vitally important. It is important legislation for our Nation's security, and it has been carefully developed by both Houses of Congress. It is essential to maintaining our maritime industry and defense readiness.

Mr. President, this bill is a bill whose time has come. I urge all of my colleagues to support it. I yield the floor.

Mr. BREAUX addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

Mr. BREAUX. I thank the Chair and my colleagues.

Mr. President, I would like to start off by saying how much we all appreciate the work that Senator INOUYE and Senator STEVENS and other members of the committee have done in bringing this legislation to the floor.

It was interesting that one of our colleagues earlier said this is a new subsidy program. Well, it certainly is not a new subsidy program. We have had a maritime bill since 1936 which has done essentially what this bill does, and that is to support the American maritime industry. There is nothing new about this program. It certainly is not a new subsidy program.

It is new only in the sense that it is a major reform plan. It is a major reform plan in a number of significant ways because we on the committee, and I think most Members of Congress, know that while the old program has been a great help to our American maritime industry, there were some ways it could be improved.

I am not going to take a long time to hear myself talk on this proposition because I am not sure that there are right now any amendments even pending to the bill. I would like to think we ought to go ahead and pass it and move on to something else rather than spend time talking to each other about why we think it is a good bill.

I have only heard one of our colleagues talk in opposition to the bill. I think we ought to go along and get it passed. If anybody has any amendments, bring them up, let us debate them and move on with them.

I would like to point out that this is a major improvement. This is a major reform bill. No. 1, it greatly reduces the amount of money available to the American maritime industry to keep these private vessels available for the Department of Defense. It used to be running about $225 million a year. We have cut it by more than half. The assistance that is in this bill is less than half of what the assistance to the ships in the American fleet used to be. When there is a greater demand for more, we in this bill have come up with substantially less.

So to those who say, well, we may have been spending more than we should have, this bill addresses it. Instead of $225 million a year being available to keep these ships afloat, this bill has $100 million a year.

The second major improvement is that it is not an entitlement program. Throughout the history of the bill it has been an entitlement program. Whatever money was required was automatically available to the ship owners. This bill provides, for the first time—and this is a major, major change—that any of the assistance programs available to any of these ships has to be appropriated funds, appropriated by the Congress of the United States. It is no longer an entitlement program. That, obviously, is a major, major, and a very substantial improvement over the existing program.

It is subject to annual appropriations. That simply means—we all understand this—that every Member of Congress will get to look at this piece of legislation and this program, see how it is working, see whether we can justify the money each year and, if so, appropriate those amounts of money. On the other hand, if they think it is not working, then we have the same ability to lessen those appropriations. I think this is an absolute minimum that cannot go down any further than this.

As the distinguished Senator from Texas—and I was listening to her remarks—was talking about, this bill is important to the national security, the national defense of the United States. Simply put, we are spending a lot less money to have ships available in times of a national emergency than if we did not have this program, because if we did not have this program we would be spending up to $300 million per ship to have them just sit there and wait to be used in a time of national emergency.

It is far better to say that we are going to help the operation of some American commercial vessels that are operating every day out there, that are crewed with U.S. men and women who have been trained and who are able-bodied seamen, who understand how to run these ships, do it every day, that we can call on those ships and say, yes, this is an emergency in a particular part of the world, and we need this ship right away to transport ammunition and equipment to some far part of the world to take care of a national emergency.

If we had to spend defense dollars to have these ships sitting there when there is not an emergency, we would be spending a lot more money than a paltry $100 million. It would pale in comparison, if we had to build five or six $300 million vessels just to sit there in case someday we might need them and they will be there.

Not only that, if we had the ships there, there is no guarantee the crew would be there. If the ships are just sitting somewhere in dry dock, what is the crew doing? The crew is not doing anything—it probably does not have a crew. So then you have to go out and find the crew members in the time of a national emergency. Guess what? They are not going to be there.

So this legislation takes a very careful approach by helping to assist commercial vessels to operate with U.S.-trained crews, to have them available in times of a national emergency. They are ready to go from day one. And every private company that gets an assistance program under this legislation has to agree in advance that that ship will be available in times of a national emergency.

That is what this program is all about. It has been there since 1936. I suggest that when everybody says, well, we should not have subsidy programs, let us start off by saying, well, let us eliminate subsidies all over the world. It would be a great world. But that is not the real world. We have agricultural programs which have subsidies. I have supported them. I think they are necessary. But we also ought to have programs that make sense from a national security standpoint, from a national defense standpoint. I suggest that this is that bill.

This is not a new bill. This is not a new subsidy bill. It is a major reform bill subject to annual appropriations every year, and we have reduced the amount available by over 50 percent, from $225 to $100 million a year. That is a substantial and major, major change.

The other good news is, it has always been bipartisan. This has never been a Democrat-versus-Republican piece of legislation. It has the support that we have today. The majority leader, TRENT LOTT, from Mississippi, strongly supports it. Senator INOUYE from Hawaii strongly supports it. Senator STEVENS strongly supports it. Senator HUTCHISON, from Texas, myself, from Louisiana, we all recognize that this is important for the national security of this country. It has always been bipartisan.

The first proposal which, in fact, really moved toward reforming this program was by President Bush, who really, for the first time in a long time, got involved in this and really had a Secretary of Transportation, Andy Card, who really said, ''Yes, I'm going to put this deal together.'' And we worked on it in a bipartisan fashion. And, lo and behold, we now have this bill that President Clinton supports, that Secretary Peña has worked on for so long and so hard. It has been bipartisan. It was very similar before under President Bush and is very similar now under President Clinton and the Secretary of Transportation.

So this is truly a bipartisan piece of legislation. It has national defense implications. It is not a runaway program. We have drastically curtailed it. We have made it subject to annual appropriations.

I suggest, let us get on with the voting. I mean, if we have amendments, let us offer them and let us debate

them. Let us finish this. We are wasting time by just, I think, looking at it and talking about it and talking about it and talking about it and talking about it. I yield the floor.

Mrs. HUTCHISON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I want to say that I agree totally with the Senator from Louisiana. This is a bill that has been worked on for a long time, and if there are going to be amendments—and that is fine—let us bring them up. Let us talk about them.

I think it is time to move this bill. It is a good bill. It is reform. It is going to save the taxpayers of this country $100 million while preserving the right of our Department of Defense to take those ships when we need them, as we did in Desert Storm. It worked. It worked. And it is going to be better.

I think it is time for us to come together. Let us talk about the amendments. Let them have their fair shot, and let us get on with it. I appreciate his remarks. I yield the floor.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I had the opportunity to hear the Republican manager of the bill, the Senator from Texas, speak about her support of this legislation, and for part of my remarks, she was absent. I wanted to remind her of some concerns I have about this legislation.

That concern is the oddity we have here of the Democratic Members of this body campaigning to end corporate welfare, to such an extent that they even have us Republicans proposing tax legislation to eliminate $30 billion of corporate welfare in our tax bill last year, and now the party that encourages doing away with corporate welfare, the Democratic Party, is very much for this legislation. Then you have the oddity of Republicans who considering the upcoming election are very, very concerned about the labor unions spending $35 million for the Democratic Party, to help the Democratic Party regain control of the Congress, and Republicans abhorring that situation. Then here we have a bill that is corporate welfare. It is also maritime union welfare.

So we have the oddity of Democrats who condemn corporate welfare voting for a bill that is going to establish more corporate welfare, and you have Republicans who say how awful it is that men and women who belong to unions do not have any choice about the assessment for $35 million more so that the unions can run ads against Republicans when 40 percent of the union Members vote Republican. Then here we are as Republicans, promoting legislation that is going to feed the treasury of the maritime unions.

This follows on that memo to the President where Secretary Peña was advising the President to ignore the recommendations of 15 out of 16 Cabinet agencies who said an option that was budget neutral and would still meet the national security demands of our country should be ignored because the industry—meaning the maritime industry; and its supporters, meaning the maritime unions—wanted this legislation that had this subsidy in it.

So I hear the Senator from Texas suggesting support for this legislation, contrary to a lot of concerns we have on this side of the aisle. And when we have meetings of our party—and she is one of the leader's of our party—very concerned about what is being done through the use of mandatory checkoff of union dues. In our councils, we are concerned about this. Then I see the leaders of our party supporting, almost, the buying of the rope to hang ourselves.

I remind the Senator from Texas that we have letters here from four organizations who I think she would agree with 95 percent of the time, who we would agree with 95 percent of the time, who oppose this legislation. From Americans for Tax Reform, I have a letter that says:

> This legislation, the Maritime Reform and Security Act of 1995 now pending in the Senate, Americans for Tax Reform strongly oppose the continuation of commercial maritime subsidies in any form, and strongly urges you to remove any such subsidies from this bill.

I have a letter from the National Taxpayer Union, also cosigned by the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste that says:

> Most Members of the 104th Congress have prided themselves in ending welfare as we know it. Unfortunately, the Senate may soon consider H.R. 1350, the Maritime Security Act, which is nothing more than a corporate and labor union welfare. The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste will key vote these votes for 1996 congressional ratings,

and then it says that they are very much against this legislation.

Then I will read from Citizens for a Sound Economy:

> On behalf of the 250,000 members across America, I want to express our strong opposition to H.R. 1350, the so-called Maritime Security Act and our strong support for amendments to this bill offered by Senator CHARLES GRASSLEY. The amendments would limit the cost to the taxpayer from this proposal without weakening our national defense.

I encourage leaders of our party, particularly those who are leaders of the group of us that have the most fiscally sound voting records, people who are always abhorring in our party meetings the waste of the taxpayers' money, and particularly when we have respected organizations like I just quoted from, those which we agree with about 90 percent of the time, why are we off the beaten path on this issue? Why are we Republicans, who pride ourselves for fiscal conservatism, subsidizing an industry, some of the same companies in the industry, that have the very highest of profits in recent months?

I yield the floor.

Mr. NICKLES addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma is recognized.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, before the Senator from Iowa leaves, let me tell him I compliment him for his courage in taking on this issue. I agree with him. I think the subsidies that the Senator outlined are outlandish, they are not sustainable, they are not necessary, and they should be eliminated.

I look forward to working with the Senator in the near future to have an amendment to do that. I compliment him for his statement, for his work, and for the work of the organizations trying to save taxpayers' dollars and to ensure that Government act responsibly.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise in support of H.R. 1350, legislation to revitalize and stabilize our maritime industry. It is long past time for legislation to stop the flight away from the U.S. flag. The United States has a long and honorable maritime heritage and tradition, but we are facing the prospect that our maritime industry might not be part of our future.

The U.S. Government has imposed regulatory demands on the U.S. shipping industry, demands that are similar to those we impose on other industries. These demands reflect our national interest in protecting the safety of our workers and our environment and include tax liabilities, safety regulations, and operating requirements. While our maritime industry carries these regulatory responsibilities, other advanced nations have given special treatment to their maritime industries in efforts to maintain core shipping capacity. But even such special treatment has often been insufficient to help shipping companies to resist the temptation to shift their operations to unregulated, untaxed flags of convenience offered by certain less developed countries. Currently, over two-thirds of the world ocean-going fleet is operated under flags of convenience.

The Maritime Security Program is designed to offset the costs of operating under the application of U.S. law, and to stem the flight of U.S. vessels from U.S.-flag to flags of convenience. H.R. 1350 completely overhauls the existing maritime subsidy program, and ultimately will reduce Government expenditures on maritime policies by over one-half. The program will help our vessels compete globally by reducing some of the regulatory burdens that have restricted the commercial operations of U.S.-flag operators.

In exchange for receiving payments under this program, U.S.-flag operators will be required to sign agreements to make their vessels and related intermodal assets available to the Department of Defense [DOD] to sustain U.S. defense operations. Additionally, the operation of U.S. vessels generates a surplus of U.S. mariners. U.S. vessels operate 7 days a week, all year round, thus necessitating more than one mariner for each particular position. This

surplus of mariners is instrumental in the crewing and operation of our reserve fleet of vessels. In the Persian Gulf war, the ability to crew our reserve fleet was seriously questioned, and the United States was forced to rely on 60- and 70-year-old merchant marine pensioners. Without the Maritime Security Program, we will not be able to crew the reserve fleet.

The United States relies on ocean transportation for international trade purposes and almost 99 percent of our international trade arrives on board a ship. Without a U.S.-flag merchant marine, we will be held hostage to the trade policies of foreign nations who would transport our goods abroad. The United States also relies on ocean transportation to protect our national security interests. U.S. shipping companies are required to sustain U.S. troops in foreign conflicts, and U.S. seamen not presently serving aboard ships are capable of being utilized to activate our reserve fleet of vessels in order to transport military equipment and other military surge cargoes. The continued presence of an active maritime industry ensures that the United States will not have to rely on the kindness of other nations to achieve important national economic and national security objectives.

The United States is the world's only remaining superpower, but we could be put in the position of sending U.S. troops into war with only the promise that we would supply them, and then only if DOD can charter vessels willing to deliver cargo into the war zone. This position would be simply unacceptable. Ironically, DOD has spent billions of dollars in the construction of surge sealift vessels, and billions of dollars in maintaining a Reserve Fleet of vessels. However, DOD has neglected the most important component in marine transportation: who will navigate those ships and deliver the cargo. The commercial U.S.-flag industry provides a labor pool of experienced personnel capable of contributing to any defense logistical support need. If we do not pass this legislation, DOD will be forced to implement a new, and I will guarantee, costly program to train mariners for use in reserve situations.

Attempts to formulate a maritime reform bill over the years have had bipartisan support, and I look forward to continued efforts with my colleagues to revitalize our maritime industry. However, today we should take the necessary steps forward to ensure that the United States continues to have a maritime industrial base—it is simply too important to our national and economic interests to allow to vanish into the mist.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, the U.S. merchant marine is facing an uncertain future. The U.S. commercial fleet is falling behind which diminishes its power to protect the United States' interests abroad and at home.

This is why I strongly support the Maritime Security Act of 1995, H.R. 1350. This bill would be the beginning of the rebuilding of the U.S. merchant marine fleet. It will establish a fleet of privately owned, active and military capable ships to help maintain the defense of the United States' interests. This will help maintain peace and protect cargo during times of crisis in the world. The fleet would also be updated because of the bylines in the bill which in itself would make the merchant marine stronger and allow it to continue being competitive in the world market.

This bill through the building of the fleet will create jobs in many sectors of the economy. The increase in the economy will range from the workers on the ship all the way to those manufacturing the parts. The bill will also change the way that the costs of running a ship in the United States are offset. This will encourage more owners to register their ships under the U.S. flag. From the changes, old outdated regulations will be cut, such as the way to replace older vessels. This in itself will help keep costs down and help generate profits and revenues for all.

This legislation is very much in our national interest. And I, therefore urge its passage.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to address a very serious concern about the pending legislation.

The bill authorizes the payment of $1 billion to American shipping companies over the next 10 years to subsidize a 47-vessel, commercially owned Maritime Security Fleet.

Operators of American-owned, flagged and manned merchant marine ships participating in the MSF will receive a yearly $2.1-million retainer to remain on call to provide sealift services in the time of national emergency.

I appreciate that this new approach replaces the current, more costly program, which pays American shipowners an ''operating differential subsidy'' to remain available in the event of conflict. Under the ODS program, the Federal Treasury pays carriers the added cost of operating a ship under the American flag rather than foreign flag—a yearly figure that has hovered around $4 million.

So, I agree this program improves on the current situation. But, Mr. President, I believe we can do much better. I hope all Senators would agree we have an obligation to fully meet our military needs as cost-effectively as possible. The fact that the new program is more cost-effective than the existing scheme does not relieve us of our obligation to ensure that we continue to pursue the most cost-effective approach to meet our needs.

Let me emphasize: I profoundly appreciate that sealift is essential to effectively meet our security obligations across the globe, and that we must assure access to dependable vessels and qualified crews who will remain loyal to our cause.

Nevertheless, I am concerned that we are embarking on a program that may be excessively expensive. One that is not based on reasonable contingency scenarios and one that does not take into account our access to vessels and manpower other than the domestic carriers qualified to participate in the MSF.

When I asked the Joint Chiefs of Staff the number of American commercial ships which are necessary to meet our readiness needs, I was informed that they do not have a definitive answer to that question. I am very dubious about authorizing a $1-billion program without such basic information.

It is important to point out that the 47-ship level is based on assumptions that the United States must fight two major wars simultaneously with no allied assistance.

Sealift planning, like all readiness programs, should be based on realistic scenarios. Failing to plan realistically wastes money and skews priorities.

For instance, I don't believe it is realistic to expect that, in a scenario in which the United States is fighting two major wars, we will not have access to any allied ships.

Second, according to the Bottom-Up Review, the United States has access to nearly 90 ships which are operated under a foreign flag but are owned by United States citizens or companies and can be called upon in time of war. Our planning scenarios do not take into consideration our access to those vessels, many of which might be militarily useful.

My overwhelming desire is that we have strong and prosperous domestic merchant marine. I would hope, however, that we could accomplish that goal without having to resort to expensive subsidy programs. I would prefer that we address the core problems that make it much more expensive and difficult to operate under the American flag and eliminate incentives for carriers to operate under foreign flag.

I have discussed this matter with the distinguished majority leader. He understands my concerns, and we have agreed to jointly request from the Pentagon an analysis to determine the number of ships needed for the MSF, taking into account reasonable planning scenarios and our needs, factoring in: our access to allied ships; the availability of U.S.-owned vessels operated under a foreign flag; the impact of the ongoing equipment prepositioning program; and the Pentagon's own sealift shipbuilding program. We should only subsidize those ships to provide services which far less costly alternatives cannot provide. We will request the Pentagon to report its findings no later than May 1, 1997.

Mr. LOTT. I first want to thank my colleague for his careful attention to this very important matter of national security and economic security. The Senator from Arizona has given our Nation's future maritime policy very thorough scrutiny, and he should be applauded for his efforts. Our colleague, Senator PRESSLER, has also

been in close consultation with me regarding maritime policy, and I wish to acknowledge his concern and his constructive efforts as well.

Let me begin by saying to the Senator from Arizona that I understand his concern and will join with him to request a report from the Department of Defense which describes under various reasonable and realistic scenarios the number of ships that should be included in the Maritime Security Fleet Program. I am firmly convinced that American-flag ships, crewed with loyal, American-citizen mariners, provide the most reliable, effective, and efficient means of meeting our Nation's sustainment sealift requirements and for providing the dedicated manpower to crew the Defense Department's organic surge vessels. At the same time, I agree it will be helpful for the Defense Department's report to also include information relating to DOD's reasonable expectations for access to allied ships; the availability of vessels operated under foreign flag but owned by U.S. interests; the impact of prepositioning programs; the need to crew the Ready Reserve Fleet; and the Pentagon's own shipbuilding program.

But I also want to emphasize that the Maritime Security Act is first and foremost about security. It is about protecting our national security, by ensuring that we will continue to have at our disposal a fleet of militarily useful U.S.-flag commercial vessels, and a trained, loyal American-citizen maritime workforce, to provide our military with reliable, global sustainment sealift capabilities. And it is about economic security, because only through maintaining a viable U.S.-flag merchant fleet in international commerce can we ensure fair ocean transportation rates for American businesses and consumers.

I want to assure the Senator that I understand his concerns with our Government's past maritime policies. That is why it is so important for me to make it clear that the Maritime Security Act is not business as usual. First, it will replace the existing Operating Differential Subsidy Program—at less than half the cost. Second, it is not an entitlement program. Only militarily useful vessels will be accepted into the Maritime Security Program; the vessel owners must apply to the Maritime Administration for admittance into the program. And third, for the first time ever, the military will have guaranteed access to the state-of-the-art land and sea intermodal logistical apparatus of the U.S.-flag commercial fleet. The people whose business it is to move cargo around the world will be actively assisting the Pentagon's transportation commanders, providing logistical know-how, intermodal equipment, and port facilities around the world.

The Maritime Security Program is the product of years of consultation among the military, the U.S. maritime community, and Congress. It is a well-designed, bipartisan solution to meeting our Nation's military sealift requirements for the next 10 years.

That said, I would like to briefly address some of my colleague's concerns with this legislation.

It is most significant that we are engaged in this debate at a time when the United States is deeply involved in military operations in different parts of the world—specifically, Bosnia and the Middle East—which demonstrates the wisdom of our top military planners who have sought to prepare contingency plans should the United States become involved in two major regional conflicts simultaneously. And this discussion also comes at a time when we have seen several of our closest friends in the Middle East and elsewhere refuse to cooperate with the United States in opposing Saddam Hussein's aggression.

The events of the past few weeks in Iraq demonstrate most clearly that the United States cannot, and should not, rely on other countries to support our military operations. If some of our closest allies cannot be counted upon to allow the U.S. military to overfly their airspace, or to use our own American military bases located on their soil to carry out our Commander-in-Chief's instructions, then how can we put the safety and well-being of our troops in the hands of foreign-flag ships and foreign crews?

Furthermore, in recent years many of the vessels once in our allies' fleets have flagged out to flags of convenience, or joined second registers, and most of their crews come from Third World nations. The report that the Senator from Arizona is proposing may reinforce the need for the Maritime Security Program, because the fleets of our allies are no longer what they once were.

Some of our Nation's most distinguished current and former military leaders have said, time and again, that we must have U.S.-flag commercial ships and American-citizen crews to effectively and reliably meet our sustainment sealift requirements. I agree with their assessment. We must make sure that our soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen will not have to count on foreign-flag ships to bring their supplies and ammunition to a hostile shore. They have also urged us to support the U.S.-flag merchant marine, because they know that the Government-owned Ready Reserve Force—the Pentagon's rapid deployment fleet—relies absolutely on the availability of American-citizen merchant mariners to crew its ships. If there is no maritime employment, there will be no merchant mariners, and we will be forced to turn elsewhere.

Foreign-flag ships and foreign crews have proved unreliable in the past, they have turned around and fled in the face of danger. The U.S.-flag merchant marine, on the other hand, has served with distinction and honor since the Revolutionary War.

Additionally, if we put our trust in foreign-flag vessel operators to provide our sustainment sealift, we can count on them to do one thing—gouge us on shipping rates. During operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, our Government paid $122 per ton for U.S.-flag ships to carry our military cargo. We had to pay foreign ships $172 per ton. If there is no U.S.-flag alternative to carry that cargo, I cannot imagine how that price could go anywhere but up.

It is true that there are foreign-flag ships under the effective control of U.S. citizens. But I would point out to my colleagues that some of these are vessels that are not useful to the military, and some of them have foreign crews upon which we cannot rely in a crisis or conflict. I would also point out that the Maritime Security Act would create a partnership between U.S.-flag vessel operators and military logistics planners—a partnership that is already underway, and that promotes joint planning and shared logistics capabilities. That, to me, is a much more preferable alternative to requisitioning a foreign-flag ship that happens to be owned by an American citizen, and then facing the task of refitting it, or forcing its owners to bring it to a U.S. port. The latter solution gets America a vessel at best, if all goes well. The MSP gets America an entire intermodal network that can carry a container from Kansas to Kuwait—under any circumstances, with complete reliability, and tracked every single step of the way.

Once again, I would like to thank my colleague for his input on this issue. I respect his recommendations and I welcome his assistance in this matter.

Mr. MCCAIN. The majority leader agrees then that before any contracts are renewed for the second year of the program, the fleet will be adjusted to the number of ships identified by the Pentagon as truly necessary?

Mr. LOTT. As I noted earlier, the legislation we are considering subjects the Maritime Security Fleet Program to the annual appropriations process. Consequently, my colleague is correct in that we have guaranteed Congress the right to review each year the size and scope of the Maritime Security Fleet.

Mr. MCCAIN. I might add the quadrennial defense review provides an excellent opportunity to examine and update our needs in the area of commercial sealift.

The majority leader is aware of a second concern I have about the pending legislation regarding $2.1 million per vessel subsidy.

While the $2.1 million figure is roughly half of the per ships ODS subsidy, the figure is still somewhat an arbitrary amount.

I believe that in acquiring necessary sealift services, we should apply the same mechanisms of competition that we employ in other areas of Federal procurement and acquisition.

I'm disappointed that the bill contains no competitive bid process. It may be that the number of available vessels to fully meet MSF requirements will exceed the number of MSP slots.

In that case, we should have some mechanism to test the market and acquire the needed services at the lowest cost to the taxpayer through some appropriate bidding procedure. Again, the majority leader and I have discussed this issue. We have agreed to request the Pentagon, the Department of Transportation, and the General Accounting Office to work together to craft an appropriate competitive bidding procedure. The Agencies will report their recommendation no later than April 1, 1997, so that the procedure can be employed prior to the renewal of any contracts in fiscal year 1998. Implementing the procedure will require statutory changes and the majority leader has pledged to assist in effecting this modification.

Mr. LOTT. My colleague is correct in that I am pleased to join with him to request the appropriate Federal agencies to determine whether a competitive bidding process is appropriate to the Maritime Security Program and, if so, to recommend procedures for Congress to consider. Such a determination and any recommendations should be submitted to us so that we can proceed accordingly for fiscal year 1998 appropriations.

In finally deciding on a competitive bidding process, however, we must not undermine the program in the interest of competition. If operators do not have some assurance of stability if they are doing a good job, they will not participate in the program and upgrade their vessels. In that event, we will be throwing our money away.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to raise with the majority leader an additional question. Section 16(e) of the bill requires the Secretary of Defense to select nine ships in the DOD's Ready Reserve Fleet to receive regular maintenance and the bill directs the Secretary to geographically distribute the maintenance contracts. As we learned in the Gulf war, properly maintaining RRF vessels is critical to ensuring timely and efficient sealift capabilities.

Two issues are raised. First, we must make it absolutely clear that in selecting which Ready Reserve ships will be maintained, our national defense needs take priority over any secondary goal of geographically distributing the contracts.

Those ships best able to meet our sealift needs under the most likely contingency scenarios should be selected without any extraneous considerations.

Second, the goal of geographically spreading out the maintenance work must not take precedence over the Secretary's responsibility to obtain the highest quality services at the lowest price to the taxpayers. Quality and price must remain the primary consideration of where we choose to have maintenance work conducted. Would the majority leader comment on that?

Mr. LOTT. I appreciate the Senator's concerns. It is certainly our intent that the Secretary choose those ships that are most militarily useful no matter where they are ported. Furthermore, it is not our intention that efforts to geographically distribute RRF maintenance contracts take precedence over quality and cost considerations.

Mr. MCCAIN. So the intent of the legislation is that the Government acquire the highest quality services at the lowest prices, irrespective of where the shipyard is located, and that the ships are selected for maintenance based on their military utility first and foremost.

Mr. LOTT. The Senator is correct. I appreciate the opportunity to make the clarification.

Mr. MCCAIN. Finally, Mr. President, I would like to express my concern about a perhaps unintended impact of a provision of this legislation regarding Maritime Security Fleet carriers who also contract with the Federal Government to carry non-military cargo and are paid the U.S.-flag vessel contract price.

Such carriers will now be allowed to subcontract non-contingency related Government work to foreign-flag carriers as a replacement for U.S. vessels called up under the Maritime Security Fleet Program to serve in a time of conflict.

We must be sure that when such subcontracts are entered into, the U.S. carrier receives from the Federal Government only the amount it pays for the subcontracted services, not the amount the carrier would otherwise receive for providing the services directly. I think this is a very important point.

Mr. LOTT. I thank the Senator. It is certainly our intention that carriers do not automatically receive the U.S.-flag vessel contract price if an MSP carrier subcontracts its work to a foreign-flag vessel. It is our intent that the Federal Government be able to renegotiate such contracts, based on the cost of the replacement vessel. Again, I thank the Senator for making this clarification.

Mr. MCCAIN. One final point: When the Pentagon analyzes our sea lift need they should work with the DOT to determine what the availability of American-flagged ships would be without the subsidy program. This is important information we must have before any contracts are renewed.

Mr. BURNS. I understand the benefits that the Maritime Security Program will bring to the United States. However, I am concerned that, because this program will be funded through yearly appropriations, folks will come looking for offsets every year, which might result in new tax proposals, user fee proposals, new duties, or other revenue raising mechanisms to be imposed upon the maritime industry at some point down the road.

This would be devastating to the export/import trade in my home State of Montana, as well as in other States, because a tonnage tax is particularly harmful to bulk commodities. Bulk commodities, as we all know, are highly price sensitive in the extremely competitive world market—an increase of a few cents a ton, caused by new taxes or fees, can make the difference between whether a foreign purchaser buys U.S. grain or grain from some other country.

I do not believe that exporters and importers should bear the burden of funding—through tonnage taxes or user fees—this program. On the contrary, because the program is designed to benefit the country as a whole, it should be funded from general receipts from the treasury, and, as I understand it, that is what this act does, is that correct?

Mr. STEVENS. That is correct. It is an annual appropriation.

Mr. BURNS. So this act does not, in any way, contemplate funding this program by imposing new taxes, user fees, or other revenue raising devices that would adversely affect the maritime industry customers like the good farmers in Montana.

Mr. STEVENS. That is correct.

Mr. NICKLES. I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business for not to exceed 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WELFARE WAIVER

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, most of my colleagues are well aware that I have introduced legislation to rescind the portion of the DC welfare waiver that was recently enacted by President Clinton, because it went directly in opposition to the welfare bill that was passed overwhelmingly by this body and the House of Representatives and was signed by the President and is now the law of the land.

What a lot of people didn't know—I didn't know it—is that when the President signed the welfare reform bill that had 5-year time limits for everybody in America, where no longer could you get cash assistance for the rest of your life—and President Clinton campaigned on 5-year limits, on limitations of cash benefits, and also on work requirements—what I didn't know is that the District of Columbia was granted a waiver, which the President signed a couple of days before, that allowed the District of Columbia to have a 10-year waiver from time limits. So there is a 5-year limit in Michigan, a 5-year limit everywhere else in the country, but not for the District of Columbia, and there are no work requirements for the District of Columbia.

Frankly, I find that to be very deceitful and misleading by the administration—to go out and tell everybody,

hey, we have ended welfare as we know it—and every time I have heard that line, I applaud, because I know the present welfare system hasn't worked. It has hurt a lot of people who it tried to help. You don't need anymore evidence than to look at the District of Columbia. If anywhere is in need of welfare reform, it is the District of Columbia.

Why in the world would the President, at the same time he is signing welfare reform for the rest of the country, and bragging about it, getting great accolades—and it helps his rise in the polls and his move back toward the political center—suddenly decide to support a bill that had already passed Congress twice? He vetoed it the first time. The third time was a charm. He decided to sign it the third time. But at the same time he signs it, he exempts the District of Columbia from welfare reform, from time limits, and he exempts the District of Columbia from work requirements.

Unbelievable. Misleading. Deceitful. All of the above apply to President Clinton's position on welfare reform. Guess what? He got caught. I didn't know about the DC waiver when he signed the welfare bill. Somebody started to tell me about it, and I looked at it and I said, ''I can't believe it. I can't believe that the same administration that has said, yes, we are going to have real time limits, real limitations, real work requirements, would totally exempt the District of Columbia where 1 out of 6 people is now on welfare. That is so misleading, it is unbelievable.

Now, I am very pleased that the Department of Health and Human Services has withdrawn the waiver today. I have a letter that I will have inserted into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, signed by Mary Jo Bane, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, stating that DC's waiver approval as it pertained to work requirements and time limits has been withdrawn by HHS.

Why did they decide to do this? I think because they got caught. I know the House was interested in legislation I introduced, with time limits that would apply to every State and the District of Columbia. We were going to pass that. I think the administration realized they were going to be embarrassed politically for trying to be on both sides of welfare reform, saying they are for welfare reform and, at the same time, exempting the District of Columbia. They realized that that wasn't politically defensible. They figured they better cut their losses and repeal the waiver. That is my guess.

It is interesting to note—and I will put this in the RECORD. I received this. This waiver that protects the District of Columbia from potential welfare reforms is getting a cool reception from some members of the city council. Linda Cropp, a DC council member who chairs the subcommittee on human services, announced Tuesday, at a September 30 hearing on the Federal waiver, that she was concerned that welfare waiver would make the city a ''welfare magnet'' since there are tougher standards in nearby jurisdictions.

She is exactly right. If you have tougher restrictions in Virginia and Maryland, and in every other State, but you have no restrictions and no limitations on welfare in the District of Columbia, it would be more than a welfare magnet, it would be receiving welfare recipients from all around. DC council member Harold Brazil said the waiver ''encourages dependency and ruins initiative.'' He is exactly right. I will enter that in the RECORD as well.

I have a couple of articles that dealt with this issue. One was an op ed piece that was in the Washington Post on September 15, 1996. It is entitled, ''Welfare as Usual in D.C.; The bureaucrats Conspire to Block Reforms,'' by Matthew Rees, as well as an op ed article by Naomi Lopes and Michael Tanner, entitled, ''Welfare Reform Bypass for DC,'' and one final op ed piece from Investor's Business Daily, ''Will Clinton Undo Welfare Reform?''

I ask unanimous consent that all of the material I have referenced be printed in the RECORD at this point.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Washington Post, Sept. 15, 1996]

WELFARE AS USUAL IN D.C.; THE BUREAUCRATS CONSPIRED TO BLOCK REFORMS HERE

(By Matthew Rees)

It doesn't really matter how you measure the District's social conditions, because by nearly every standard they are appalling. The infant mortality rate is the highest in the nation, the percentage of the population receiving benefits through Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) is double the national average, more than one-third of the children are living in poverty and more than two-thirds are born to single mothers. With the District leading the nation in so many of the wrong categories, it could be an ideal place to gauge the effectiveness of the welfare bill President Clinton signed last month. Unfortunately, some last-minute collaboration between the District and the federal government means the nation's capital will be experiencing little in the way of genuine welfare reform.

To better understand why the prospects for reform are dim, you have to go back to Aug. 19. That was the day the Clinton administration's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a landmark announcement, telling the District it was free to make cash payments to welfare recipients for up to 10 years so long as the recipients ''made a good-faith effort to find employment.'' The announcement also declared that the District would be granted a relatively liberal definition of what constitutes ''work.'' According to top District officials, obtaining a driver's license, or attending self-esteem classes, would meet the work standard.

The net effect of this decision was obvious: It undermined the welfare legislation the president was about to sign. The District would have no real obligation to comply with the bill's five-year time limit on cash welfare benefits, and the requirement that 50 percent of each state's welfare caseload be engaged in strictly defined work activities by 2002 would be considerably watered down. ''If you wanted to send a message to the District that 'we're not serious about welfare reform,' a 10-year waiver was a pretty good way to do it,'' intones Mickey Kaus, a neoliberal commentator who's written extensively on welfare.

Some see nothing wrong with the HHS exemption, known as a ''waiver,'' because it gets the District out from under the new law's mandates and allows for local flexibility. That would be an attractive argument if the District had followed the lead of states with pioneering welfare reform projects, such as Michigan and Wisconsin. Unfortunately, just the opposite has been the case: The District maintains a welfare system that is viewed by many welfare experts as one of the country's least demanding, and least oriented toward reform. The results speak for themselves.

That's why allowing the District to opt out of major provisions of the new welfare law is such a grave error. Even when confronted with scenes straight out of Dickens, the District government has chosen to maintain the infrastructure supporting these conditions. The genius of the federal welfare bill is that while it gives states the freedom to craft their own public assistance programs, it also gives them positive and negative incentives to get people off welfare before five years and require them to go to work after two years. For the District to even come close to complying with these demands would require trying new and innovative approaches to old problems. With the waiver, however, it's unlikely such approaches will be considered.

The pro-waiver arguments rested on a simple belief: The District would suffocate under the new rules. It was, therefore, preferable to preserve the old ones. HHS spokeswoman Melissa Scolfield justified the waiver with the explanation that ''we are, of course, sympathetic to the special situation of the District.''

The shortcoming in this paternalistic approach is self evident. Given the option of doing nothing versus implementing reforms that result in some short-term pain for some greater long-term gain, it's all too easy to choose the former. The Clinton administration was in a position to remove this option by denying the waiver request. But far from discouraging it, top HHS officials saw the District as an opportunity to subvert Clinton's stated intentions of ending ''welfare as we know it.'' The waiver was originally needed because of the welfare reform legislation approved by Mayor Marion Barry in August 1995. Among other things, that legislation instituted a ''family cap,'' which meant mothers on welfare who had additional children would be denied increased AFDC payments. Teen mothers could also be required to attend school and live with a parent, guardian or adult relative. While these are steps in the right direction—though they appear to have substantial loopholes—they are not the sweeping reforms the District desperately needs. Nonetheless the District needed a waiver before it could proceed because parts of the legislation conflicted with federal law. Financial constraints meant the waiver application wasn't submitted to HHS for nearly a year, and it only happened then because President Clinton announced the he would sign the Republican welfare bill.

The president's July 31 announcement set off a flurry of activity at the upper echelons of HHS. Many of the agency's welfare analysts opposed Clinton's decision—three of them have resigned in protest—and they immediately set out to soften the bill's impact, on the District in particular. Top welfare officials in the District government were alerted to the consequences of the legislation by Wendell Primus—one of the HHS officials who has since resigned—and Robert Greenstein, an influential private welfare analyst.

HHS helped fill out the waiver and put it through the ''fast track'' approval process.

Most striking was the waiver's approval time. Republican governors such as Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin and John Engler of Michigan have been highly critical of waiver delays, charging that HHS bureaucrats have taken forever to approve changes that have already been approved by their state legislatures. Some have been held up for years, yet the District's sailed through in just 13 days. Mary Jo Bane, another of the HHS officials who resigned, was one of the lead staffers who decided that the D.C. waiver—and seven others—would be granted at the last minute.

This incurred the wrath of Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee and congressional Republicans such as Representative E. Clay Shaw, chairman of the congressional subcommittee responsible for welfare legislation. Senator Don Nickles, an Oklahoma Republican, has gone so far as to introduce legislation seeking to repeal the waiver, charging that the administration had approved it only because the president was ''trying to placate some liberal people who did not like him signing the welfare reform bill.'' The House Ways and Means Committee will also be holding hearings on the matter this week.

Certainly there are reasons for concern about how the District would fare under a more restrictive system. HHS officials were sure that the District wouldn't be able to meet the legislation's work participation rates. Stephen Fuller, a professor at George Mason University, points out that the District had a net loss of 15,000 jobs over the past 12 months and has lost 60,000 job over the previous five years. While there's been healthy employment growth in Northern Virginia over the past year (25,000 new jobs), nearly all of this growth has occurred outside the Beltway, and it's been in sectors such as engineering and business services.

Another factor is the District's unique demographics: Welfare populations tend to be concentrated in the inner cities, but each state's overall percentage of welfare recipients levels out once it's balanced against the lower percentage found in rural and suburban areas. The District has no suburbs within its rapidly declining population of 560,000—the only state with fewer people is Wyoming—and most of the recent population loss has come from those not on welfare. In other words, there's good reason to expect the proportion of District residents receiving AFDC—currently about 13 percent—to remain stable or increase.

Yet some of these concerns may be exaggerated. The work participation rates, for example, are nowhere near as demanding as many analysts have claimed. Indeed, the District—and all 50 states—have considerable flexibility in determining how they meet the rates. Because the law contains an array of loopholes, a state could have work participation as low as 20 percent—as opposed to the 50 percent rate spelled out in the legislation—and still be in full compliance.

When the federal welfare legislation is viewed in this light, the District's situation doesn't look so dire. The current work participation rate among District welfare recipients is 6 percent, and the District program is recognized as one of the most poorly run in the country. Once the new rules went into effect, as much as 10 percent of the caseload could be expected to stop asking for welfare (studies have shown this has happened elsewhere, probably because some portion of welfare recipients are already working in underground jobs). And at least some of the rest would presumably respond to the threat of having their benefits cut off and go to work. But extending the waiver for such a long period of time ensures only that the status quo will be preserved.

Or, it could get worse. One long-term effect of the waiver could be that it attracts the poor of nearby states such as Virginia and Maryland, which do have tough reforms in place. In Virginia, for example, welfare recipients must go to work within 90 days of beginning to receive public assistance.

''We want to make sure the District doesn't become a welfare magnet,'' says D.C. Council member Linda W. Cropp (D-At Large).

The fear grows out of the District's past experience with providing relatively generous benefits to the homeless, only to see the homeless population rapidly expand. The situation with welfare is similar: The District's 1994 AFDC benefits were $428 per month for a parent and two children (the 18th highest when compared to the 50 states). This was $55 a month higher than in Maryland, and $137 a month higher than in Virginia, according to a recent study by the Washington-based Population Reference Bureau. When these figures are mixed with the generous time limits on the receipt of cash benefits, and liberal regulations on work, the magnet effect begins to look plausible.

District and HHS officials emphasize there was nothing extraordinary about the waiver, which they claim was similar to those granted other states, such as Wisconsin. But the Wisconsin waiver is part of a strongly reform-oriented plan, where the District's is not. The District will allow welfare recipients to continue receiving cash benefits for a decade or more, with minimal threat of being cut off. That guarantees the District will have little or no real incentive to begin the welfare-to-work experiments found in so many other states.

At a time when the District's social conditions so clearly scream out for major changes, it seems tragically misguided to declare that the nation's capital will be not the first place where there's welfare reform, but the last.

[Briefs from Washington]

WASHINGTON.—A waiver that protects the District of Columbia from stringent welfare reforms is getting a cool reception from some members of the city council.

Council member Linda Cropp, who chairs the committee on human services, announced on Tuesday a September 30 hearing on the Federal waiver.

Cropp said she was concerned the waiver will make the city a ''welfare magnet'' since there are tougher standards in nearby jurisdictions.

Under reform legislation passed by Congress, most welfare recipients who do not find work cannot continue to receive benefits for more than five years.

The waiver backed by President Clinton and Mayor Marion Barry gives the city a 10-year exemption.

Councilman Harold Brazil said the waiver encourages dependency and ''ruins initiative.''

The council members aren't alone. Some Republicans in Congress have already voiced their opposition to the waiver.

At a hearing Tuesday before the Human Resources subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee, Congressman E. Clay Shaw Jr., R-Fla., said if the city plans to use the waiver to exempt more than 20 percent of its current caseload, he will move to repeal the exemption.

Democrats countered by saying Idaho, Michigan, Massachusetts and Washington state have all been granted similar exemptions.

WILL CLINTON UNDO WELFARE REFORM?

Having shifted right by signing the Republican welfare-reform bill, President Clinton is now doing all he can to assure the left that he will ''correct'' the new law. Machiavelli would be proud.

We can see why Clinton would like political cover on welfare: the left is dead certain the new law will cause untold suffering. And the media seem to feel obliged to give heavy play to anything—instant studies, predictable resignations—that feeds those fears.

Why is the hue and cry so much greater after the fact? Some on the left no doubt were surprised when the president signed the law. Others may think the suffering they expect to see is necessary, but still feel guilty about it. Now that it's too late to change matters, they can safely stand on principle—and demonstrate their purity, too.

Such mixed motives are natural to any large group. Much stranger are the conflicting signals that come from a single man: our president.

Clinton has already promised that, if he can't get the members of Congress to revise the law in the ways he wants, he'll enforce it as if they had.

Thus, he signed a bill into law, but he's actually going to implement something else. It's an incredible bait-and-switch, even for Bill Clinton.

But this is just the culmination of his welfare politics. In 1992, ''New Democrat'' Clinton vowed to ''end welfare as we know it.'' But in 1993 and 1994, when his own Democrats ran Congress, he dropped the ball.

After voters handed Congress to Republicans, the GOP called Clinton's bluff by sending him a welfare-reform bill not wholly unlike the one he just signed. Clinton vetoed it. Congress sent up another: He vetoed that, too.

Enter '96, a campaign year. Republicans drafted a third welfare-reform bill. Bob Dole prepared to bash Clinton for delivering three vetoes where he had promised reform. So the president finally, reluctantly, signed.

As he's done so often before, Clinton thus signaled to the voters that he'd learned his ways, that he'd moved permanently to the right. Yet he knows full well that he'll turn left after the election. With welfare reform, though, he's signaling left at the same time. Clinton has his hazard lights on.

The welfare backflip exposes what's fundamentally wrong with this White House: It governs by fraud. What's more, it has no shame.

Take Vice President Al Gore's comments on a recent Sunday talk show:

The vice president admitted the welfare system is ''cruel'' and needs to be changed. Yet, seconds later, he pointed out that the welfare act's changes do not go into effect until July 1, 1997—leaving plenty of time for Clinton and a Democrat Congress to scrap the law.

And if Republicans maintain control, Gore added, Clinton would use the line-item veto to fix things Clinton and liberals don't like about the bill.

What things are those? Ask the first lady. Interviewed in Chicago, she said she didn't like the limits on food stamps or on payouts to legal immigrants. She said she'll speak out next year to ''correct'' the welfare-reform bill that her husband signed.

If the bill was so flawed, why sign it in the first place? No one held a gun to the president's head. Why not work to fix it, and sign it later?

The questions are obvious. But such logic doesn't work with Clinton. Stand on principle? Avoid shame? This politician never shoots straight: Everything is a bank-shot, or worse.

It's no wonder polls show a majority of us do not trust our president. How can we? Not only can we not trust him to do what he says. We can't even trust him to do what he

does, because he undoes what he does. Next thing, he'll be telling us that's not what he did.

Accepting the GOP nomination, Bob Dole spoke scornfully of leaders ''unwilling to risk the truth, to speak without calculation.'' he went on: ''All things flow from doing what is right.''

Reforming welfare is right. Now we just need a leader who will do what is right.

[From the Washington Times]

WELFARE REFORM BYPASS FOR D.C.

(By Naomi Lopez/Michael Tanner)

''Welfare as we know it'' has been ended, right? Well, not in the District of Columbia. Even as President Clinton was signing the new welfare reform bill with one hand, with the other he was simultaneously granting the District, a 10-year waiver exempting it from most of the requirements in the new welfare bill, including time-limited assistance and certain work requirements.

The waiver for D.C.'s ''Project on Work, Employment, and Responsibility'' (POWER), submitted in early August, was rushed through the Department of Health and Human Services' ''fast track'' waiver approval process just three days before Mr. Clinton signed welfare reform into law. As a result, welfare reform will have only a minimal impact on welfare dependency in the District and an even smaller impact on D.C. welfare spending.

For example, the welfare reform bill calls for a five-year lifetime limit on welfare benefits. Not under the District's waiver; there would be no cutoff of benefits for any D.C. resident who could not find a job that pays more than welfare benefits. The most unfortunate aspect of this exemption is that the District, aided and abetted by the Clinton administration, is sending a message that the rules will not apply to its residents and that cash assistance is still an entitlement.

While one of the big selling points of the new welfare reform law was its requirement that welfare recipients work in exchange for benefits, the District's waiver defines work activities so liberally as to be meaningless. Attending a job-training program or engaging in job search (i.e., looking for work) will be enough to satisfy the District's work requirement. Thus, welfare in the District will remain pretty much as we know it. Yet few welfare systems are as badly in need of reform.

Despite the fact that 1 in 6 District residents are on welfare, more than a third of District children still live in poverty. Out-of-wedlock births have reached alarming proportions. Of the District's more than 50,000 children in welfare families, 83 percent were born out of wedlock and 10 percent come from broken homes. Only a mere 1 percent of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) households contain two parents. * * *

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D.C. has followed the liberal route of trying to solve its welfare problems with money. On a per capita basis, the District has the highest federal social welfare program spending in the nation. Of the 50 states and District, the District ranks:

First in per capita federal spending on AFDC, food stamps, Medicaid, housing assistance, job training under the Job Training Partnership Act, and community development.

Second on Medicare and state employment services.

Fourth on compensatory education for disadvantaged children.

Fifth on Supplemental Security Income and the social service block grant.

Twelfth on child nutrition programs.

The value of the full package of welfare benefits in the District (including cash assistance, food stamps and nutrition assistance, housing assistance, Medicaid and so on) totals more than $22,745 per year for a single mother with two children. Because welfare benefits are tax-free, a working person would have to earn nearly $14 per hour to take home an equivalent paycheck. Indeed, the District's welfare package is the fifth-most-generous in the nation. Is it any wonder that so many recipients make the rational choice of welfare over work?

The welfare reform bill fell far short of what is necessary to truly end welfare as we know it. But the District, with the complicity of the Clinton administration, seems unwilling to make any change in the status quo.

The District government is setting up a social time bomb that the rest of the nation will, most likely, be responsible for defusing. In 10 years, the District's waiver will expire only after it will have promoted and perpetuated a failed and reckless system. And at that time, the federal government will be called upon to bail out the District again. By that time, the damage may be irreversible.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, the Washington Post today had an editorial that was critical of me. Basically, it said, wait a minute, we granted waivers to other areas. Why would you try and take away parts of the waiver—they actually said we were repealing the entire waiver. They were wrong. Why would you do this just for the District of Columbia if not for other areas?

The legislation I introduced, frankly, did not apply just to the District of Columbia. It says a 5-year time limit applies to everybody in the country. There won't be a single waiver to exempt someone from the 5-year limit. That was the guts of the bill. There would not be a waiver that would undo work requirements. Those were the two major elements of the bill. It just so happens that the District of Columbia was the only waiver request that went directly away from welfare reform.

There are 30 States, plus the District of Columbia, who have received welfare waivers. Guess what? All 30, except for the District of Columbia, moved toward work requirements, toward time limits—most of which had shorter time limits than 5 years. But not the District of Columbia; it was a waiver away from welfare reform, a waiver for the status quo, and it was a waiver, basically, where President Clinton and the Clinton administration was saying: District of Columbia, you are exempt from welfare reform. We don't think you need to do it.

I am pleased I finally hear that HHS has rescinded the order. I believe they did it because it is the political season, and they knew they were going to take some heat. They made a serious mistake. But we have to make sure they are not just postponing it for 2 months. We want to make absolutely sure that there is no way that sometime after the election, in November or December, they would go ahead and grant a 10-year waiver. We want to make sure that is not up their sleeve. If we have to pass legislation to make sure of that, we will do it. There is no reason in the world why we would work as hard as we did for real welfare reform for everybody in the country—to end cash assistance as an open-ended entitlement, a perpetual way of living—and not do it in the District of Columbia.

I might mention, Mr. President, I think there are some games that were played. This waiver request by the Clinton administration was granted in 14 days. I might tell my colleagues that some areas have had waiver requests pending before the administration for months, some for years, some for 2 years, all of which were trying to have a waiver from the old law, which would not allow time limits. Most of the waivers that States wanted to enact, like Wisconsin, Illinois, Oklahoma, and others, wanted to have time limits and work requirements. They wanted people to get off welfare and go to work. They wanted to have learnfare requirements where children of welfare recipients would be required to go to school, like every other child. If they didn't have their kids in school, they would lose welfare payments; or they have to make sure their kids receive vaccinations, or they might receive penalties.

States have had great initiatives. So this administration has been very slow on many of those States. As a matter of fact, the President, in May, made a nationwide radio address complimenting Wisconsin on their welfare reform and talked about granting their waiver, and this is great. Guess what? He hasn't granted the Wisconsin waiver yet. That was months ago. But he granted the DC waiver in 14 days. That was granted right before signing the welfare reform bill. And the DC waiver had no time limits. It has a 10-year exemption. How is that fair to the people in New Hampshire? They are going to have a limitation on how long they can receive cash payments. The State of Hawaii had a waiver request granted by the administration in just the last couple of months, since signing the bill. But the State of Hawaii had a 5-year limit. Indiana got a waiver request signed, but it was a 2-year limit, not a 5-year limit. But the District of Columbia comes up and, in 14 days—unbelievable speed for the Department of

Health Human Services—they get a waiver signed by the President that says you are going to have a 10-year exemption—10 years, no limit, and no work requirement. What a sham. What a shame. What a shame that this President and this administration would be so deceitful as to try to pull that over on the American people.

I am pleased that the Department of Health and Human Services realized their mistake. My guess is that the political people said, ''Hey. This could come back to hurt us, or haunt us. Therefore, let us withdraw it.''

I am pleased that the District of Columbia City Council, which never requested a 10-year waiver on work requirements, never requested a 10-year waiver on lifetime benefits—I am pleased that some of the council members realized that this is terrible. This would be a disaster for the District of Columbia. So I am pleased that evidently not only are they going to have some hearings but some Members think it would be a serious mistake, and they don't want the District of Columbia to become the welfare capital of the United States.

So I am pleased with the announcement of HHS today. I think the administration got caught in trying to have it both ways on welfare reform. To say ''Yes, we need welfare reform with time limits and work requirements'' while at the same time trying to undo welfare reform—to exempt work requirements, to exempt time limits—they should be ashamed of themselves. I am pleased they reversed themselves for about the fourth time on this issue.

I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

MARITIME SECURITY ACT

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill.

Mr. INOUYE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SMITH). The Senator from Hawaii.

Mr. INOUYE. What is the pending business, Mr. President?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. H.R. 1350 is the pending business.

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I just wanted to advise my colleagues that we have not received any requests to submit amendments on this side. Do we have any amendments pending at this moment?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There are no amendments pending that the Chair is aware of.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. INOUYE. Yes.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, the Senator from Iowa is conferring off the floor concerning amendments that he may offer. So I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair. I will state to the Chair it will be about 30 minutes.

There being no objection, at 6:27 p.m., the Senate recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reassembled at 7:08 p.m., when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. SANTORUM).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky is recognized.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, what is the pending business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. H.R. 1350.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent to proceed for 8 minutes as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

FEDERAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, in the United States, there are 571 Federal wildlife refuges. There is only one State that doesn't have any, and that, unfortunately, is the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

To look at a couple of States that are comparable in the size of population to my State, Oklahoma has 9, Louisiana has 16, Alabama has 7.

Mr. President, it is pretty clear that Kentucky, when it comes to Federal wildlife refuges, has not been treated properly down through the years. I have been working on this issue since 1989. I introduced the first bill to create the first Federal wildlife refuge in Kentucky. It is not easy to find appropriate spots in the east. Many of our friends out west have more public land than they want. But in the east, it is not so.

We isolated—''we,'' working with the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service—identified an area in Kentucky that makes sense. I introduced a bill which was reported out of the Environment and Public Works committee to authorize this refuge. It is my hope that the Interior appropriations bill will include both the authorization and appropriation to begin the acquisition.

Let me just say that no land will be condemned under this proposal. Only land will be purchased from willing sellers. That is a little bit different from the way some Federal wildlife refuges have been created. As a result of that, there is very minor opposition in our State to the creation of our first Federal wildlife refuge.

My dear colleague from Kentucky earlier today took to the floor to point out that this was not needed, and that we had another facility called the Land Between the Lakes—which is operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority; it is a wonderful facility; a wonderful place—but that it really needed the money; and, if he were given the opportunity to do so, would offer an amendment to take the money away from the Federal wildlife refuge and give it to the Land Between the Lakes.

Mr. President, the Land Between the Lakes has already been given all the money they asked for. I am on the appropriations Subcommittee of Energy and Water which receives the request. We gave them all they asked for. They may ask for more someplace down the road, and it may be appropriate to give them more someplace down the road. But I do not think, particularly in these tight times, that it makes sense to throw money at a group, or a project, or an activity that is not asking for it.

So, if this amendment is offered at some subsequent time, obviously I am going to oppose it. I find it somewhat astonishing that my colleague would find it inappropriate for Kentucky to finally—it came into the Union in 1792—to finally have a Federal wildlife refuge.

It was suggested by my colleague that this was an incredibly controversial proposal. In fact, it is just the opposite. There are few who may oppose it, although if they own land in the area and don't want to sell they don't have to. And a wildlife refuge is a good neighbor. If you do not want to sell, it is a great neighbor to have right next to you. There is nothing that would keep any landowner in this area from keeping this property forever in this proposal.

There are 57 conservation groups and sportsmen from Kentucky who support this.

I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the RECORD, Mr. President.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE ENDORSED THE CREATION OF THE KENTUCKY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Appalachia Science in the Public Interest.
Association of Chenoweth Run Environmentalists.
Audubon Society of Kentucky.
Bell County Beautification Association.
Berea College Biology Club.
Brushy Fork Water Watch.
Community Farm Alliance.
Daviess County Audubon Society & Kentucky Ornithological Society.
Department of Parks.
Eastern Kentucky University Wildlife Society.
Elkhorn Land & Historic Trust Inc.
Floyds Fork Environmental Association.
Friends of Mill Creek.
Gun Powder Creek Water Watch.
Harlan County Clean Community Association.
Hart County Environmental Group.
Highlands Group Cumberland Chapter Sierra Club.
Kentucky Academy of Science.
Kentucky Association for Environmental Education.
Kentucky Audubon Council.
Kentucky Citizens Accountability Project.
Kentucky Conservation Committee.

Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Education & Resource Foundation.
Kentucky Houndsmen Association.
Kentucky Native Plant Society.
Kentucky Society of Natural History.
Kentucky State Nature Preserve Commission.
Lake Cumberland Water Watch.
Land & Nature Trust of the Bluegrass.
League of Kentucky Sportsman.
League of Women Voters of Kentucky.
Leslie County KAB System.
Little River Audubon Society.
Louisville Audobon Society.
Louisville Chapter 476 of Trout Unlimited.
Louisville Nature Center.
Madison County Clean Community Committee.
Madison Environment.
Mall Interiors.
Midway Area Environmental Committee.
National Wild Turkey Federation.
Oldham Community Center & Nature Preserve, Inc.
Peterson's Fault Farm.
Pleasant Hill Recreation Association.
Pride Inc.
Quail Unlimited.
Rockcastle River Rebirth.
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
Ruddles Mill Conservation Project.
Scenic Kentucky.
Shelby Clean Community Program.
Shelby County Clean Community Council.
Sierra Club Cumberland Chapter.
Steve & Janet Kistler.
The Nature Conservancy/Kentucky Chapter.
The Wildlife Connection.
Trout Unlimited/KYOUA Chapter.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, my colleague made reference to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and said that was a bunch of ''foreigners'' and didn't have a presence in Kentucky. He might want to know that there are several thousand supporters of this group in Kentucky. Just because it is called the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation does not mean it does not have a lot of Kentucky members. Mr. President, I have a letter from the Kentucky State chairman of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION,
Bowling Green, KY, March 19, 1996.

Senator MITCH MCCONNELL,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR MCCONNELL: Please accept this letter as my support of your intention to propose legislation that would establish and fund the Clark's River National Wildlife Refuge in Western Kentucky. I sincerely appreciate your efforts to establish this area as Kentucky's first National Wildlife Refuge.

I am the Kentucky State Chairman for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is one of the cooperating partners that have helped to establish the Elk and Bison Prairie at TVA's Land Between the Lakes. Additionally, I am the Co-Chairman for the fund raising committee charged with the effort of raising $244,000 for the first phases of this very important project at Land Between the Lakes. I am very happy to report to you that this project is not even open to the public yet and we have already raised $222,000 toward our goal. However, I certainly see a distinction and a need for you to create Kentucky's first National Wildlife Refuge at the East Fork of the Clark's River. As you are aware, the NWR site evaluation team determined that not only did this site best fit the Untied States Fish and Wildlife Services biological and feasibility criteria, this area was deemed most worthy of perpetual protection from degradation and development that would be afforded by establishment of a refuge.

I am certainly one of the strongest supporters of LBL and am aware of the budget problems that this agency faces. I can assure you, as State Chairman for the RMEF that I donate hundreds of hours of my time in support of LBL and the Elk and Bison Prairie project. The bottom line is both of these projects are very worthy projects and both of these projects are worthy of your support, but in my opinion, the creation of Kentucky's first National Wildlife Refuge should be established at the Clark's River.

I would be happy to discuss this issue with you personally if you should have any other questions.

Working for Wildlife.

Sincerely,

THOMAS M. BAKER,
Kentucky State Chairman.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, in addition to that we worked with the Kentucky Farm Bureau. They typically don't endorse these kinds of projects. But what is interesting to note is that they chose not to oppose this one, and the reason they chose not to is because we worked with them on the ''willing seller provision'' so that nobody involved in agriculture in this area would be required to sell. It is very important to me that we protect farmers property rights.

Mr. President, with regard to the Land Between the Lakes, which my colleague would give more funding than they asked for by taking it away from the Federal wildlife refuge, I would like to place in the RECORD a letter from the chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Mr. Craven Crowell, who said, ''I want to express my sincere appreciation for your support for TVA's fiscal year 1997 budget. You played a significant role in achieving our goals.''

In other words, with regard to LBL, TVA got everything it wanted.

In addition to that, Mr. President, I would like to also have printed in the RECORD a letter I received yesterday from William Kennoy, who is the Director of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and a Kentuckian, who also confirms that the Land Between the Lakes operated by TVA was given all they asked for in this year's budget.

I ask unanimous consent that it, along with the letters from Mr. Crowell and the Kentucky Farm Bureau, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

KENTUCKY FARM
BUREAU FEDERATION
Louisville, KY, April 20, 1996.

Mr. DON OVERBY,
President, Calloway County Farm Bureau, Almo, KY.

DEAR DONNIE: This is to acknowledge and thank you and Calloway County for your attendance and participation in the Measure the Candidate training session held April 8. Also, I wanted to reply to your question on the proposed Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge.

As I had mentioned, Laura Knoth has been working diligently with Senator McConnell's staff to ensure Farm Bureau's policy is contained in the language of the proposed legislation. Specifically, language which protects farmer's property rights. The following provisions, your Farm bureau policy, have been successfully integrated into S. 1611, ''The Kentucky National Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act:''

Section 2:6 . . . the refuge should not restrict agricultural and silvicultural activities on private lands.

Section 6C(I) no activity carried out in the refuge will result in the obstruction of the flow of water so as to affect any private land adjacent to the refuge; and

(ii) no buffer zone regulating any land use (other than hunting and fishing) is established.

On March 28, the Environment and Public Works Committee passed S. 1611 by unanimous consent. As of this date, it has not been placed on the Senate calendar to receive floor action.

Donnie, I have also enclosed for your review a copy of a letter from Tom Bennett, Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, which outlines significant and unique criteria the Clarks River possesses for the proposed wildlife refuge. I am hopeful that his information is helpful. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Laura, or myself.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY A. CANSLER,
Director, National Affairs and Political Education.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY,
Knoxville, TN, September 13, 1996.

Hon. MITCH MCCONNELL,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR: I want to express my sincere appreciation for your support of TVA's fiscal year 1997 budget. You played a significant role in achieving our goals.

We will wisely manage these funds for the benefit of the people of the Tennessee Valley. We hope you will be pleased with the results.

Thank you for being a good friend to TVA.

With warm regards,

CRAVEN CROWELL.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY,
Knoxville, TN, September 18, 1996.

Hon. MITCH MCCONNELL,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR MCCONNELL: Yesterday an article appeared in the Paducah Sun referring to a letter I sent Congressman Whitfield on funding for LBL. The letter was inadvertently faxed without my authorization or signature.

The level of funding provided in the Energy and Water Conference report will fully meet TVA and LBL requirements that we have requested of Congress.

I am in the process of preparing an inventory of the needs of LBL's infrastructure for the next few years but this is not yet complete and we have, therefore, made no request to Congress for this future funding.

I understand TVA Chairman Crowell recently wrote you expressing his appreciation for your support for TVA's Budget and noted the ''significant role you played in achieving our goals.'' You have been a strong supporter of TVA and we have no desire to jeopardize that relationship because of inaccurate comments through miscommunications. We appreciate your dedication to LBL over the years.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM H. KENNOY, P.E.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, in conclusion, let me say that it is unusual, to say the least, for two Senators from the same State to differ on projects of this matter. I am sorry that seems to be the case here. But let me say in conclusion and in summary that there are 571 Federal wildlife refuges in the Nation but not one in Kentucky. We are long overdue for our first Federal wildlife refuge. This proposal was developed over a number of years in cooperation with the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Service, and over 57 sportsmen and conservation groups from across Kentucky feel that this great need should be met.

No land under this proposal will be taken from anyone—only from willing sellers. It is my hope, Mr. President, that this proposal authorizing and appropriating some money to begin Kentucky's first Federal wildlife refuge will be a part of the Interior appropriations bill.

I hope my colleague will not offer an amendment to strip out the money provided—whatever money is ultimately provided—for this first Federal wildlife refuge in order to give it to the Tennessee Valley Authority which says it does not need it.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LOTT. I know there are a number of Members who are waiting and wondering what the schedule might be for the remainder of the evening. We are working very aggressively to try to come to a unanimous consent agreement that would allow us to go forward with amendments and debate on those amendments tonight and complete those amendments tonight, if we could get this agreement worked out, with the votes stacked beginning at 10 o'clock on Friday morning.

We are still working with Members on both sides. I think it is, frankly, urgent that we go ahead and get this agreement entered into momentarily. We are very close to that. But as usual, we are trying to check with all the Senators who are interested in the subject matter to see if we can get that worked out.

In the meantime, Mr. President, before I do a statement, let me again observe the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. 1174

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now turn to the consideration of S. 1174, regarding the Lamprey River in New Hampshire, the bill be advanced to third reading and passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, speaking on behalf of the leader on our side, I reserve the right to object.

I wonder if the Senator from New Hampshire would amend his request to include the following: That the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 599, S. 608, that the committee amendments be agreed to, the bill be read a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. STEVENS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, on behalf of the leadership, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, do I still have the floor?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire is recognized.

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I do not know about the other bill that was attempted to be added to my request for consideration of a bill, but I would just like my colleagues to know that this bill, S. 1174, passed unanimously out of committee with bipartisan support. It was placed on the calendar by the majority leader. It has the unanimous support of everyone on the Republican side. It has the support of my State of New Hampshire. It has the support of the individuals who helped to put this river into the wild and scenic bill. It is 12 miles of a beautiful river that we now preserve under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, if this legislation passes.

I find it outrageous that, for whatever reasons, political or otherwise, a piece of legislation that has that much support would be objected to; tying it, linking it to some other legislation. I think the other legislation can rise or fall on its own merit. This is a good bill.

Mr. President, on August 10, 1995, Senator GREGG and I introduced S. 1174, the Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Act, to designate a segment of the Lamprey River in New Hampshire as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Since introduction, a hearing was held on the legislation in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and soon thereafter, as I said, the bill was reported unanimously out of the committee.

I introduced this legislation after receiving the vote of support from each of the affected communities along this segment of the River. Ordinarily I do not encourage Federal ownership and control of State or private property, however, this legislation is different.

The process for developing this legislation was different for two reasons. First, the legislation was developed from the bottom up, from environmentally conscious communities and local people. It is not a Washington initiative. Second, the bill is drafted to allow for maximum control at the local level in making land use and conservation decisions.

The history of this legislation goes back almost 5 years when Senator Rudman and I introduced the Lamprey River study bill in February 1991, which was subsequently signed into law by President Bush later that year. Once the National Park Service determined the Lamprey River's eligibility for the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, a local advisory committee was formed to work with local communities, landowners, the National Park Service and New Hampshire's environment department in preparing a comprehensive management plan. This management plan was completed in January 1995.

The Lamprey River Management Plan was subsequently endorsed by the advisory committee as well as the local governments affected by this designation. The primary criteria for my sponsorship of this legislation was the support of the local communities. If the affected towns did not vote in favor of designation, I would not be here today seeking support for this legislation.

In fact, the town of Epping had expressed some reservation about designating the segment of the Lamprey which runs through the town and, out of respect for their concerns, the bill excludes that segment of the river. However, that segment was studied and found to be eligible, so we have included a section in our bill that would allow the town of Epping to be involved in the implementation of the management plan and, upon the town's request, be considered for future designation.

The Lamprey River is well deserving of this designation for a number of reasons. Not only is the river listed on the 1982 National Park Service's inventory of outstanding rivers, but it has also been recognized by the State of New Hampshire as the ''most important coastal river for anadromous fish in the State.'' Herring, Shad and Salmon are among the anadromous species found in the river. In fact, New Hampshire fishing maps describe the Lamprey as ''a truly exceptional river offering a vast variety of fishing. It contains every type of stream and river fish you could expect to find in New England.''

The Lamprey is approximately 60 miles in length and serves as the major

tributary for the Great Bay, which is part of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System. The Great Bay Refuge is also nearby, which was established several years ago following the closure of Pease Air Force Base. The preservation of the Lamprey is a significant component to protecting this entire ecosystem.

The 11.5-mile segment, as proposed by our legislation, has been the focus of local protection efforts for many years. The towns of Lee, Durham, and Newmarket, local conservationists, the State government, as well as the congressional delegation have all come together in support of this legislation. I believe the management philosophy adopted by the Advisory Committee best articulates our goals for this legislation:

> . . . management of the river must strike a balance among desires to protect the river as an ecosystem, maintain the river for legitimate community use, and protect the interests and property rights of those who own its shorelands.

I just cannot understand why, at this hour, with all the work and all of the background, that the other side would play politics on this issue. It is an outrage. I think everybody should know it. I hope the people in New Hampshire hear me and know it, that this very significant piece of environmental legislation is being deliberately held up for whatever purposes. I will leave people to decide.

But I do want to recognize two members of the Lamprey River Advisory Committee, Judith Spang of Durham, NH, and Richard Wellington of Lee, NH, who worked so hard and so long to pass this legislation.

I might say to them, I apologize to you for the outrage that is being committed here on the floor of the Senate tonight. This is not the way we should do business in the U.S. Senate. This is an environmentally sound piece of legislation. It has the support of the communities, support of the State, support of every single Republican on my side, the support of most Democrats on the other side, and it has been passed out of the committee unanimously. And here it is held up deliberately.

I find it an outrage. I do not know what I can do about it. Obviously, Senators have rights and I respect those rights. They have a right to object. But, having the right to object and objecting for good reason are two different things. There should be a good reason to object. There is no good reason to object to a piece of legislation that has unanimous support.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MARITIME SECURITY ACT

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, we have been working very hard to get a unanimous consent agreement on a major piece of legislation, maritime security. It, I think, is urgent we get this legislation passed. It has bipartisan support. It is a major move in making sure that we have an American merchant marine. It also actually would save money. We have worked very hard to accommodate all of the interests and clear up some concerns about this major legislation.

I had hoped we could get an agreement tonight that would allow us to complete action with a series of votes tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. It appears now that that may not be possible. I would like to announce now that there will be no further votes tonight. We will continue to work to see if we can get an agreement. We will have debate. Hopefully, we will get an agreement still tonight to have these stacked votes in the morning at 10 o'clock. We have not been able to reach that agreement.

Senator GRASSLEY has been here. He has made his statements. He has identified seven amendments that he is very interested in. We had an agreement that would have said that all debate on all amendments—we were trying to get an agreement that said seven amendments would be offered by Senator GRASSLEY, and if votes were necessary, they would all occur starting at 10 o'clock in the morning.

I think Senator GRASSLEY has had the opportunity to make his points on the bill in general. I know he would like to be heard on these amendments. I think that he has been reasonable in working out the framework of an agreement here, but we do not yet have it clear. But I think it is important we go ahead and notify Members there will not be additional votes tonight.

I will not make this unanimous consent request at this time. The distinguished manager of the bill on the Democratic side of the aisle, the great Senator from Hawaii, will be talking to Senators that are concerned.

I just want to emphasize, we are on the verge of passing major legislation. We have an agreement in hand that would limit the amendments, get it done, and get it to final passage. If we do not get this agreement tonight, I fear this bill will never get passed this year, because Senators will be leaving tomorrow around noon. If we cannot get the votes done tomorrow, if we are going to have seven votes—and we have no guarantee that we could even get those on Tuesday morning—plus on Tuesday of next week we are going to be very much into the continuing resolution debate. We need to get that done. That is the overall final agreement that will allow the Senate to leave for the year.

So I urge my colleagues, let us see if we can come to final closure on the amendments and a series of votes at 10 o'clock in the morning. But I want to emphasize, no further votes tonight. We do not have an agreement at this point that we will definitely have votes at 10 o'clock in the morning but we will keep working on that. We will notify all Members through the rotary announcement and in every other way we can, but you should expect the possibility of votes in the morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. President, I now turn to a statement so that Senators can be checking with their colleagues and see if we can get an agreement on the unanimous consent request.

The Senate has been considering this afternoon the Maritime Security Act, H.R. 1350. I urge my colleagues, when we do get an agreement, if we get an agreement, to support this critically important national security legislation.

H.R. 1350 will ensure that our Nation and our Armed Forces will have available a modern fleet of vessels, and reliable, loyal American crews to provide a readily available sealift.

It also puts at the disposal of the Department of Defense vast intermodal and management transportation assets that are essential to modern military logistics.

For the Department of Defense to duplicate the capabilities this legislation will provide would cost $800 million a year—eight times the yearly cost of the entire maritime security program.

So this legislation is quite simply a cost-effective bargain for our Nation's security. It is also essential.

If any of my colleagues were undecided on this legislation before the recent crisis in the Persian Gulf, they should not be now. What has happened in the last 2 weeks has demonstrated that we must be prepared and able to act on our own when our national interest so requires.

During the Persian Gulf war in 1990 and 1991, we had the support of a worldwide coalition with almost unlimited access to staging areas, to modern ports and infrastructure, and to vessels and crews of many nations. Even then, however, some foreign-flag vessels and crews refused to enter the Gulf, or it took weeks to decide whether they would sail or not—delays that could have been catastrophic in certain circumstances or in future conflicts. Still, with U.S.-flag ships and crews carrying nearly 80 percent of all the seaborne cargo, the job did get done and, frankly, done quite well.

During this recent crisis, however, we are seeing that our relatively good fortune in that war was probably the exception rather than what might be the rule in the future.

For example, according to press reports, every Arab State, even those on our side in 1990 and 1991, condemned the strikes on Saddam Hussein.

Our B–52 bombers had to fly the long way around—all the way from Louisiana to Guam to the Middle East—in

order to avoid overflying countries that disagreed with the U.S. actions.

Our cruise missiles came from U.S. Navy ships in the Persian Gulf and could not be supplemented by aircraft based in Jordan, Turkey, and even Saudi Arabia because these nations could not permit their strikes to originate from their soil.

A proposed western-Iraqi no-fly zone was rejected because of our ability to use Jordanian, Turkish, and Saudi bases.

And France—France—refused to participate in the new expanded air patrol zone over Iraq.

I ask my colleagues tonight, what will happen in some future conflict if the issue is not just overflight rights but access to ports, transportation infrastructure, and vessels?

What will happen if the crews of foreign-flag vessels refuse to carry our supplies for political or even religious reasons?

What will happen if foreign vessels and foreign companies are pressured to take a walk?

During the Yom Kippur War in 1973, Arab nations pressured flag-of-convenience vessels not to sail to Israel—and they did not sail. It has happened before—and it will happen again.

In the future, we may have allies and vessels—and we may not. H.R. 1350, the Maritime Security Act, is an insurance policy that we will always have at least the essential minimum of vessels and crews ready and able to serve our Nation whenever they are called to do so.

We are, after all, the world's only remaining superpower—with global interests and responsibilities.

No nation in history has survived very long without a strong maritime, without a strong merchants fleet. The Navy cannot do the job unless there are ships to carry the cargo and to carry the men and women that need to get to a troubled site. I think that is a very strong reason to vote for this bill.

This bill is also clearly beneficial in many other respects. First of all, it is identical to the one that passed the House, so we can complete action and send this bill straight to the President for his signature.

By authorizing investment in the operation of U.S.-flag vessels, the bill would strengthen and improve our economy, also. It achieves the dual goals of improving defense and our economy because it is highly effective in the way it is set up. The private sealift capability that this program helps make available to DOD would come at a small fraction of the cost it would take to the Department of Defense to acquire the ships and the crews that would be needed.

By helping ensure that there is a U.S.-flag merchant fleet, the bill also would help ensure that there is a pool of U.S. citizen mariners to man DOD's own Reserve ships in times of emergency. We found out during the Persian Gulf War that if we had not had a lot of old merchant mariners to come out of retirement, we could not have had the ships manned. They did come out of retirement, and a lot of them worked long hours. Obviously, they did the job.

It would help ensure that we will not have to depend on foreign vessels or crews to supply these ships overseas.

Economically, the bill would help ensure that our Nation's commerce is not entirely under the control of foreign-flag vessels. It would also help level the playing field for U.S.-based carriers whose foreign-based competitors usually operate under more generous tax codes and have other advantages.

In my own hometown, when I come over the bridge entering my hometown, I look down at the river and I see ships with flags from Panama, Liberia, Greece, Russia—no U.S. flags, no U.S. flags. That worries me. They are lined up along the docks, the grain elevators, and the other cargo-loading areas, right next to one of the world's most sophisticated shipyards where we build cruisers, destroyers, and LHD's, and there, right next to those various sophisticated ships and the construction that goes on, there lies a Russian ship or a Greek ship. There is something that is bent out of sorts in my mind to see that sight. I would like there to be a guarantee that we would have at least a minimum of U.S.-flag ships. This bill would do that.

On a program basis, this bill is a major improvement compared to the present support program for U.S.-flag vessels. This bill would reduce—I want to emphasize that, reduce—the annual payments per ship by perhaps as much as 50 percent and achieve similar reductions in annual program levels.

I worked on this bill for 2 years and I went into it saying we have to put the merchant marine fleet on a basis where we can call on them if we need them, and also where we will not waste money, and to save money in the way it is set up. That is what we have done. This will be a highly efficient program.

Let me also say that to the extent anyone has heard loose talk about this bill establishing a new program, that is not the case. A Maritime Support Program exists now. It is not as efficient as it should be, and it is not structured the way it should be, but we are changing that with this bill and continuing an existing program. It retains the benefits of the maritime program, but by far more efficiency. This is, in terms of real impact, a program streamlining, not creating a new program.

I am also pleased to tell my colleagues this bill would greatly reduce regulation accompanying the program. Our American carriers need to be able to respond quickly to meet foreign competition. If they have to wait for Government rulings before taking steps needed to meet foreign competition, it costs them money, it costs them business. So I need hardly say what the commercial consequences would be for these carriers.

The Nation, in turn, could lose the benefits of having privately owned U.S.-flag merchant ships. This has already happened to a large degree under the outdated present program. The ships are going down to nothing, and that is where we are headed.

If we do not pass this bill, we will not have a merchant marine in a very few years. If we do not have this program improved and in place when we go into the next century, there will not be a U.S. merchant fleet.

This bill would promptly end regulation concerning where vessels can go in foreign commerce or how frequently. Some of the regulations that have been on the books do not make any sense at all. Why should we have this kind of regulatory control of where they go in foreign commerce or how frequently?

It also would newly ensure the U.S.-flag carriers, like their foreign-based competitors, will have the flexibility to respond to commercial needs by time chartering or using space on the vessels of others—without having to ask our Government for approval. Why should they? If space is available and you can save money by using it, why should you have to go through the process of asking the Government's approval, and maybe even having it denied?

Other provisions eliminate reporting, recordkeeping and other requirements. When you are involved with the Federal program, there is plenty of that to be done if you get rid of some of the paperwork. With such changes, we can expect the executive branch to be able to implement the bill effectively and promptly.

The application process, for example, should not be burdensome and should require carriers to provide data only to the extent that it is necessary for decisions which the statute requires the agency to make.

The bill will allow our Nation to have the defense and economic benefits of a merchant marine but overhauls the past program so that we can achieve those benefits in a way that is far more cost efficient and reduces the regulatory burdens on the carriers.

Let me also make clear that, in taking up H.R. 1350, we are taking up a bill which is virtually identical to S. 1139 as reported by the Commerce Committee.

Very few provisions differ at all.

As a result, the Senate Committee report will be completely applicable as to the meaning of provisions of the House bill which are comparable to those in the Senate reported bill.

There are only a handful of aspects of the House bill that differ from the Senate bill. Let me note some of them.

Under the bill, carriers participating in the program are to be available to provide assistance to the Nation under certain emergency circumstances.

Compensation for providing resources which includes, for the purposes of this provision, services is required and is in addition to basic program payments

made by the Transportation Department.

The House bill differs from the Senate committee bill on a few aspects of this Emergency Preparedness Program [EPP].

One provision added on the House floor would make clear that a carrier's obligations under the emergency preparedness program do not continue when an operating agreement under the basic program is no longer in effect.

Another change made on the House floor would make clear that the range of circumstances in which the Defense Department can activate an emergency preparedness agreement is not limited to times of declared war, but also makes clear that the authority to activate an emergency preparedness agreement requires a significant event, and a considered and carefully coordinated decision.

These are both clarifying changes, consistent with the intent set forth in the Commerce Committee report.

The House bill would also specify, in proposed section 653(c)(3), that the amount of compensation paid under an Emergency Preparedness Agreement must be approved by the Secretary of Defense.

We support this clarification because it is DOD, not DOT, that is expected to provide this EPP compensation, which is in addition to basic program payments made by DOT. Section 653(c)(3), however, does not authorize the Defense Department to fail to meet the compensation requirements set forth in section 653.

Let me note here, in conjunction with the EPP, that we have seen some erroneous statements that this bill would eliminate the requirement in law today that U.S.-flag vessels be made available in times of emergency.

What the bill does is say that certain of today's statutory provisions would not be in effect for a vessel during such time as that vessel is covered by an Emergency Preparedness Agreement.

We have developed the EPP because it will provide more flexible, better sealift service to the Government than is available now.

This concept, which focuses on the whole transportation system and process, not individual vessels, has been worked on by DOD, and the industry for years.

That program allows for calling up U.S.-flag vessels to meet true emergencies, but it allows other options not expressly available under current statute.

The creation of this alternative is a plus for the Government. And, as I said, at such time as a U.S.-flag vessel is not covered by an Emergency Preparedness Agreement, the present statutes continue.

So, any statements that this bill removes obligations for vessel operators to help the Government in emergency is simply wrong. To the contrary, we have improved the program for the Government.

The House bill does not include the Senate bill's provision which would ensure that companies which choose to enroll their modern, foreign-flag vessels in this program do not have to incur additional costs to comply with Coast Guard vessel regulations.

I intend to continue to pursue legislative reform in this area, but the specific changes may not be enacted before implementation of this bill. In that regard, I want to make clear that the Secretary of Transportation has the authority, to swiftly take clear and conclusive administrative action in this area.

The Secretary can and should ensure that operators of modern vessels, vessels which the Coast Guard accepts as safe under international standards, will not incur additional vessel costs if they do what we want them to do—which is to put those vessels under U.S.-flag and enter into contracts under this program.

I will be looking to the Secretary to ensure that before a carrier changes the registry of a foreign-flag ship meeting international standards to United States to participate in this program, it will not be required to incur additional costs due to U.S.-flag vessel standards.

The House bill includes a provision, section 651(b)(4), not in the Senate bill. This provision specifies that, to be eligible for the program, a vessel ''will be'' eligible for U.S. documentation at the time an operating agreement is entered into for the vessel.

As a technical matter, this does not mean that the vessel must be eligible at the time the operating agreement is entered into, but means that it must be determined at the time the operating agreement is signed that the vessel will be eligible at the appropriate later point—as it cannot receive payments under the program until it is actually documented as a U.S.-flag vessel.

Also, under the Senate bill, a provision for certain vessel operators to notify certain U.S. shipyards with respect to certain possible construction opportunities was to be effectuated by having the vessel operator notify the Secretary of Transportation, who would, in turn, notify shipyards. It is our view that, under the bill, DOT has the authority to make an administrative determination to utilize such an approach, so that vessel operators would be able to meet the requirement without having to separately notify various shipyards.

While there are a handful of other differences between the House passed and Senate reported bill, these technical explanations indicate how small those differences are. Their relatively minor scope underscores that it is appropriate for us to proceed to pass the House bill and enact this long overdue legislation—so that the American people can receive the defense and economic benefits it provides at such a low cost.

Mr. President, I hope that our colleagues and those that are outside following this debate will review all of the remarks I have put in the RECORD, because I did go into some additional specific changes that we have made. That has been my intent all along, to improve the system and to save money while we are doing it. I think we have accomplished that in this bill.

I have worked with parties on all sides. Obviously, Senator STEVENS has been very involved in this, as has Senator INOUYE, Senator BREAUX, and Senator HUTCHISON has a lot of interest in it. We are this close to getting it done. And yet, because of the objection that we have heard so far tonight, we could lose this whole bill. I think it would be a great mistake. But I am going to yield the floor in a moment. I understand that Senator GRASSLEY will be back in just a few moments and he will then, hopefully, begin offering amendments. In the meantime, we will continue to work for a unanimous-consent agreement as to how it will be considered.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise to discuss some of the concerns I have about the Maritime Security Act, H.R. 1350, pending before the Senate today.

On March 6, 1996, I joined several of my colleagues in a letter to Commerce Committee Chairman PRESSLER requesting that additional hearings be held on this bill. While there had been one hearing, groups opposing this legislation did not testify. Since many groups vigorously oppose H.R. 1350, such as Citizens Against Government Waste, National Taxpayers Union, Citizens for a Sound Economy, Heritage Foundation, Competitive Enterprise Institute, CATO, and National Grain and Feed Association, we believe a hearing should be held to fully air these concerns.

That hearing did not occur. Nor did a markup of the Senate companion bill occur. We are today taking a controversial House bill from the desk that has not gone through the Senate process. The bill was rushed through the House in a similar manner and passed by a voice vote. I understand, however, that there are now many House Members who believe they did not have a good understanding of the bill at the time of the vote and would now have preferred a more thorough consideration.

Mr. President, maritime subsidies have long been on priority lists for termination by many deficit hawks. They were heralded by Republicans early in the 104th Congress as a prime example of corporate welfare that must be terminated. Correspondingly, it has been

known for some time that operating differential subsidies would be terminated. Now that we are closer to termination, the subsidies were dusted off and repacked in new authorization legislation called the ''Maritime Security Bill.'' Now, subsidizing U.S.-flag ships, and their noncompetitive labor rates, is an important U.S. security interest.

National security is vitally important to me. But I am not convinced that this bill has raised national security concerns that justify the authorization of $100 million to subsidize 50 U.S. ships to the tune of $2 million a piece.

During the gulf war, the Government has the authority to call up commercial vessels receiving maritime subsidies. However, three-quarters of the ships chartered during the crisis were foreign-flagged—and only 20 percent of the cargo rode on these ships. Most of the cargo was carried on Government ships. There is also a ready charter market for commercial cargo vessels when more ships are needed. Further, the few U.S.-flagged ships that were called up didn't even deliver their 8 percent of the total cargo to the war zone. They transferred their cargo to foreign-flagged ships at foreign ports. And they charged the Government far more than the cost incurred by either military or foreign-flagged crews—on top of the subsidies.

There is no evidence that this continuation of the ODI subsidies would work any differently. Also, there is plenty of room for shipping companies to continue to substitute foreign flag ships if they are too busy, as they can now. Why subsidize ships that are not even available in crisis times? Doesn't that gut the intent of the national security argument?

Even the Clinton administration has admitted that this program is just one which is necessary to preserve union jobs by subsidizing higher U.S. maritime wages. Why not subsidize all union jobs, not just those of the maritime unions?

Mr. President, in my judgment, there are many reasons why we should terminate maritime subsidies, including cargo preference and Jones Act preferences. Since my colleague, Senator GRASSLEY, had done such a good job of presenting them, I will not repeat them other than to say that it is my preference that all of the maritime subsidies be terminated—for the industry to become competitive on its own without the Government crutch—and the burdensome Government regulations that come with the subsidies.

There is no reason to believe that the Government, during times of crisis, cannot call into service its own vessels, foreign-flagged ships owned by American companies, charter vessels or obtain this kind of assistance from our allies. These subsidies are not needed and should be terminated, as determined earlier.

Vice President GORE's National Performance Review recommended that maritime subsidies be ended. In 1995, the DOT Inspector General recommended termination. A MIT study opposes them. Many deficit hawks decry the waste of taxpayers money.

Senator GRASSLEY has also determined that nine retired Navy admirals who originally supported the American Security Council's effort to promote this legislation now have questions about it and support additional hearings before further consideration. They were as snowed as our colleagues on the House side.

The extension of the shipbuilding loan guarantee program has also been criticized by many and deserves a closer examination as well.

The one positive aspect of this bill is the relief it gives the Great Lakes Ports, including the Port of Duluth, to cargo preference restrictions. While I would prefer to terminate this subsidy as well, the bill does give the ports the ability to compete based on price rather than whether the ship is U.S. or foreign flagged. While cargo preference laws act to subsidize U.S.-flagged crews, they can actually jeopardize jobs of dockworkers in ports, such as the Port of Duluth, where U.S.-flag ships are scarce.

Mr. President, I realize that this bill may pass. The proponents carry a lot of weight in this body, and the national security argument, flawed as it is, is one that many choose not to challenge. Again, I have great admiration for the good work of my colleague, Senator GRASSLEY, who is willing to call a spade a spade.

For that reason, and because of the great respect Senator GRASSLEY holds in this body, I would urge my colleagues to listen carefully as he offers his amendments to this bill. Each one of them attempts to ameliorate a serious concern in this legislation. They should not be dismissed for procedural or substantive reasons. They are not offerred to filibuster the bill. They are offerred to improve it. Each one should have been considered in a committee markup, which, again, was never held.

In my judgment, the Grassley amendments are no-brainers that should not be controversial. One would ensure that the ships receiving the subsidies are available for service, not foreign-flagged subsitutes. Why would we subsidize ships that don't even have to be available in emergencies?

Another amendment would force U.S. seafarers to serve in these crises. If the Government is subsidizing sizable seafarer wages, shouldn't they be required to serve if called? Right now that is not a requirement. Senator GRASSLEY would include exceptions similar to those granted to military reservists. Again, what is controversial about this amendment?

The next Grassley amendment would equalize seafarer war bonuses to the same rate as military reservists. Right now they receive far more. Why?

An amendment would prohibit use of the subsidies for pro-maritime lobbying efforts. Last year we voted to restrict use of public funds from lobbying use. These funds should be restricted as well.

Another amendment would prohibit subsidies being used for campaign contributions. Subsidized wages of seafarers have enabled these workers to contribute 500 times more than other union workers to campaigns.

One amendment will require U.S.-flag ships and crews to deliver their cargoes directly to the war zone. Incredibly, now they can, and have, shifted their cargo to a foreign-flagged and foreign-crewed vessel at a port far from the war zone. They then can charge the Government U.S.-flag premium rates while providing lower foreign-flag rates. Or they can use a foreign-flag ship the entire route, receiving the same premium rates. Why is this acceptable if all of the proponents of this bill claim that we need a U.S.-flag capability.

The bill provides for fair and reasonable reimbursement during use by the Government. The Pentagon paid $70,000 to the U.S. cargo ship operators to send war materiels to the gulf. The foreign bid was $6,000. This is wrong—a betrayal of the taxpayers. The last Grassley amendment would give the government the right to hire foreign-flag vessels if U.S.-flag costs are greater than 6 percent over the foreign cost. U.S. flags would also have to charge the government the same rate provided to volume customers.

If the amendments offered by Senator GRASSLEY are adopted, it would be easier for me to consider supporting this legislation. However, the entire premise for this bill is flawed. There simply is not a good case for this expenditure of taxpayers' dollars.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, before I send an amendment to the desk, I am going to talk about the amendment. This is one of those seven amendments that I had suggested, and it deals with our seafarers being paid bonuses during time of war and to equalize the bonuses between people who are seafarers and the bonuses that people in our Navy would receive in the very same part of the world under the very same conditions.

If seafarers do decide to serve, I think I pointed out in my original remarks on the bill, they have many more options than people who are military. When the people in Texas were told by the President of the United States, ''Pack up, you're going to go to Kuwait,'' the families had tears in their eyes, and we saw on television the men and women of America who are committed to the defense of our country respond to the Commander in Chief.

Seafarers have options: to go or not. And if seafarers do decide to serve and sail into the designated war zone, they are paid 100-percent base pay as a war-zone bonus. The military sealift command reported to me that one seafarer was paid $15,700 for a 2-month Persian

Gulf war bonus. That is on top of the regular pay that they would get.

The most that our men and women in the regular military or Reserve could get for that 2-month period is $300, or $150 a month. So compare this $15,700 for a 2-month war bonus for a seafarer with the $300 that one of our men or women would have received during that same period of time.

But that isn't the end of it. Our seafarers are eligible for much more—much, much more. If their vessel is in a harbor that is attacked, a seafarer can get an extra $400 per day. If their vessel is actually attacked, not just in the harbor that is attacked, they get an extra $600 per day.

So the amendment that I am offering puts an end to this nonsensical approach and inequitable approach between our men and women in the regular military or Reserve compared with what the seafarers get. Taxpayers' support for seafarers' war bonuses will be limited to the level provided for the men and women in our Reserves and regular military.

This amendment makes very certain taxpayers don't pay seafarers higher war bonuses than the active military.

Seafarers get this extra 100-percent base pay. I think everybody would agree that this is clearly nonsense and unfair. It ought to be demoralizing to our troops to look at the paycheck of one person and have $300 compared to the paycheck of a person in the same environment with $15,700 and some. We ought to realize that this is inequitable. It might even be considered a huge waste of taxpayers' money, or it could be equitable to pay our men and women in uniform more.

The seafarers get incredibly large salary and benefits year in and year out from taxpayers supposedly so they will serve Uncle Sam when needed. It seems to me it is not right to gouge the taxpayers a second time when they are actually called into a war zone.

It is fair for them to get a bonus, but it is not fair for them to get a bonus well beyond what regular military people get who, by the way, get paid a lot less than the seafarers get anyway. I want to talk about the biggest war bonus paid to a civilian mariner assigned to an MSC ship during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. On March 27, 1991, the Department of Defense approved the payment of war zone bonuses to those mariners operating in the Persian Gulf area west of 53 degrees east longitude. Civilian mariners were eligible for war zone bonuses equal to 100 percent of pay for each day their ships were within the designated war zone. Payments were effective retroactive to January 17, 1991, and ceased on April 11, 1991, the day of the final cease-fire.

The largest war bonus payment made to a civilian mariner aboard an MSC controlled ship was approximately $15,700 for that 2-month period. The ship was anchored within the designated war zone area approximately 56 consecutive days. Consequently, the crew members earned larger payments than those assigned to other MSC controlled ships.

The vast majority of the MSC's vessels transported military equipment and other supplies from the continental United States and European ports to the Middle East. These ships were only in the war zone area for approximately 2 to 5 days per voyage. As a result, war bonus payments for these civilian mariners averaged approximately $69.50 to $1,467 per voyage.

The war zone areas for military personnel included the Persian Gulf, the Gulf of Oman, that portion of the Arabian Sea which lies north of the 10 degrees north latitude and west of the 68th degrees east longitude or the Gulf Aden and all of the Red Sea. This made it more likely that active-duty sailors would qualify for hazardous pay.

This is the guidance that clarified which bonuses are paid and when under Desert Shield/Desert Storm. The imminent danger pay on applicable contracts, the actual direct costs of a reasonable crew imminent danger pay mandated by compulsory regulations or collective bargaining agreements, not to exceed $130 per month, are payable to each crew member under the following circumstances: Vessels in the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Oman, the portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of the 10 degrees north latitude, west of the 68th degrees east longitude, or the Gulf of Aden, and vessels in this zone for a minimum of 6 days within one calendar month or 6 consecutive days beginning in one month and ending in the next, and vessels in this zone between August 2, 1990, and until the time in which the Secretary of Defense determines that an imminent danger no longer exists in the region. And the $130 is not prorated. The full amount is paid to anyone satisfying the above criteria.

Time spent in the war bonus zone described below does not count toward the 6 days criteria.

Let me point out that my war bonus amendment is supported by the retired admirals. These were the admirals that I had named earlier. I think it is fair to say that retired admirals know that it is not fair to pay $15,700 to a seafarer for 2 months, but only $300 to our men and women in the reserve or the regular military and Navy.

In regard to the war bonus—because I just told you about the imminent danger pay—in regard to the war bonus, on applicable contracts, actual direct costs of the reasonable crew war bonuses, mandated by compulsory regulation or collective bargaining agreement not in excess of an extra 100 percent of the crew's base pay, exclusive of supply penalties, are payable to each crew member under these circumstances: The vessel is in the Persian Gulf west of the 53 degrees east longitude, a bonus is payable for any day or portion of a day in this zone continuing until one day after the vessel passes east of the zone, and the vessel then is zoned between January 17, 1991 and the time when the final ceasefire marks an end to the hostilities, as referred to in the U.N. Security Resolution 686 of April 11, 1991.

Then we have next the war bonus for harbor attack. I gave a slight definition of this earlier. But this would apply in circumstances where war bonuses are applicable. It would then be $400, payable to each crew member aboard a ship in a harbor which is attacked. This is MARAD's determination. Only one harbor attack bonus is payable per day. A harbor attack bonus is not payable to a crew member earning a vessel attack bonus for the same day.

Then we have the war bonus that applies, not to the harbor attack, but to the actual attack on the vessel. In circumstances where war bonuses are applicable, $600 is payable to each crew member aboard a ship which is attacked. And that also is MARAD's determination.

There are certain document requirements. There is a requirement to submit imminent danger pay and war bonus invoices to appropriate MARAD paying offices in accordance with billing instructions clearly identifying which imminent danger war zone is being built, the corresponding dates and times in the zone. Note that the base wages must be identified for each rating, and MARAD then will request vessel deck logs and payroll sheets and individual pay vouchers containing crew's signatures for reconciliation of crew wages.

We have had some instances where seafaring unions sued the U.S. Government to obtain bonuses for gulf war trips. Seafaring labor unions sued the Government. According to this article, they sued the Government in an effort to win war bonus payments for their members who worked on Government cargo ships during the war against Iraq.

The Sailors Union of the Pacific, the Marine Firemen's Union, and the Seafarers International Union filed suit in Federal District Court claiming the U.S. Maritime Administration unfairly cheated their members out of hazardous duty pay. War bonus payments, of course, as I said are extra compensation for ship crews that go into risky shipping zones. Generally, crews get twice their regular pay, plus extra lump sum payments, should their vessels or harboring areas come under direct attack.

The shipping areas where war bonus payments apply are usually the traffic lanes within war zone areas designated by the White House. When the Persian gulf conflict began in 1991, the unions and the American President Line, a primary carrier for U.S. forces agreed to use a war zone designated by President Bush as the area where the war bonus payments would apply. However, the Maritime Administration later established a war zone area that was

smaller than the original White House designation.

The American President Line which operated 23 of its own ships, 11 Ready Reserve force ships for MARAD, argued that it had to use a smaller war zone area because it was relying on reimbursement from the Government for the Ready Reserve force operations.

The unions brought the case to an arbitrator from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Arbitrator William Eaton ruled that because of its earlier agreement, APL should pay seafarers on its own ships at war bonus rates for the entire zone established by the White House, but seafarers on the RRF ships could not be included, he decided. The union failed in an earlier attempt to get the Federal district court here to overturn the arbitration denial of war bonus payments to the RRF workers.

Another newspaper report on these bonuses says:

The Defense Department officials have agreed to reimburse civilian ship operators for war bonuses up to 100 percent of normal wages paid to seafarers who crewed scores of military cargo ships supplying the Persian Gulf. Although strict conditions will apply, the Navy notified ship owners this week that it will pay for war bonuses given to men and women who entered the war zone after August 2, 1990, the day that Iraq invaded Kuwait. The higher levels of benefit will be paid for voyages after January 17, 1991, when the United States launched its air war against Iraq. The bonuses will continue to be reimbursed until the formal cease-fire is declared by the United Nations according to a notice from the Military Sealift Command, the Navy agency in charge of the ocean transportation.

Marge Holtz, director of public affairs for the Sealift Command, said she did not know how many ship crews would be affected or what the total costs would be. She added that certain military censorship policies are still in effect and will not be relaxed until the cease-fire is declared.

Sealift commander Admiral Francis Donavan said in early March that 446 voyages had been made into the gulf during the first 7 months of the operation. Some individual ships, especially those under the U.S. flag, have made multiple voyages.

At its peek operation, Desert Storm-Desert Shield employed 128 U.S.-flag ships, 111 foreign-flag ships; crew sizes of the ship ranged from about 20 to more than 70 on some specialized vessels. According to the Sealift Command notice, crew members on the ships sailing through much of the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Oman, and portions of the Arabian Sea will have their war bonuses paid by the U.S. Government. The maximum of $135 a month will be paid for voyages in the period leading up to January 17. After that and into the future, until the U.N. cease-fire, the war bonuses will be 100 percent of base daily wage of each crew member. The notice, however, will not ease one festering controversy with the U.S. merchant marine. It stems from the fact that reimbursement is not yet being made for ships that are part of the Government's Ready Reserve Fleet, a fleet of aging cargo ships kept for use in military enterprises. Seventy-eight ships for the Ready Reserve were activated to participate in the Persian Gulf buildup, and a fight is already on for war bonuses for those crews, said one West Coast maritime labor leader.

Whitey Disley, president of the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers Association, said that shipping companies that operate Ready Reserve ships under contract to the Government are not paying war bonuses. Companies are refusing to pay, even though some of them have labor contracts that specifically call for war bonuses.

One such company is American President Line, Ltd., of Oakland, but representatives of the company indicated they will pay if the Government offers reimbursement.

''It looks like we will have to go to arbitration, a grievance procedure on this,'' the union leader said.

The issue is under ''active review'' by the Maritime Administration, the Transportation Department agency responsible for the Ready Reserve force. MARAD officials contacted this newspaper and had not responded with any comment at press time.

It is pretty complicated, Mr. President, but one thing that stands out here is that we do not have an equitable situation between people who are in the full-time military in a war zone with their life just as endangered as seafarers who get 100 percent base pay war bonuses. And remember, seafarer pay is already higher than what our military people get in the first place. It seems to me that we have a responsibility to our military personnel that they be treated fairly with the seafarers.

I want to alert my colleagues to actual amounts of money that are paid for these war bonuses to specific shipping companies. We paid $29,197.56 to Gulf Trader of the All Marine Service; to the American Foreign Shipping Company, war bonuses we paid, $40,512.48; to the American Overseas Marine, we paid a total of $599,747.98. That is broken down into separate figures for eight different ships, ranging in payment from a small amount of $5,937.58, all the way up to figures like $253,334.18 and $239,430.80 for a couple of other ships.

The International Marine Carriers received for two ships $259,642 total; for the Interocean Management Corporation, war bonuses totaled $369,279.27, ranging from a low of $14,276 for one ship to $105,884 for another ship; to the Marine Carriers, we paid $55,299.47, ranging from a low of $7,553 up to a high of $30,000 for another ship, spread out over four ships. Marine Transport Lines received $193,170. OMI Ship Management received a total of $439,646. That is a grand total of $1,987,496 war bonuses for these shipping lines.

As I stated previously, these are not the only bonuses that are available.

AMENDMENT NO. 5391

(Purpose: To provide for a uniform system of incentive pay for certain hazardous duties performed by merchant seamen)

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] proposes an amendment numbered 5391.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

SEC. . UNIFORM PAYMENT FOR HAZARDOUS DUTY.

Title III of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 App. U.S.C. 1131), as amended by section 10 of this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

''SEC. 303. PAYMENT OF MERCHANT SEAMEN FOR HAZARDOUS DUTY.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation, in cooperation with the Secretary of Defense, shall establish a wage scale for hazardous duty applicable to an individual who is employed on a vessel that is used by the United States for a war, armed conflict, national emergency, or maritime mobilization need (including training purposes or testing for readiness and suitability for mission performance).

''(b) CONTENT OF WAGE SCALE.—The wage scale established under this section shall be commensurate with the incentive pay for hazardous duty provided to members of the uniformed services under section 301 of title 37, United States Code.''.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, this is the language, this is the amendment that is going to bring war bonus parity between our seafarers—and added war bonus pay in some instances, 100 percent increases in pay—and regular military. Seafarers ought to get additional pay, because their life is endangered, but it must be equalized with that our full-time military personnel, who get a lot less for war bonuses for the endangerment that comes from being in a war zone situation.

We do this by giving the Secretary of Transportation, in cooperation with the Secretary of Defense, the right and power to establish a wage scale for hazardous duty applicable to an individual who is employed on a vessel that is used by the United States for a war, armed conflict, national emergency, or maritime mobilization need, including training purposes for testing for readiness and suitability for mission performance. And the content of the wage scale, then, as established, shall be commensurate with incentive pay for hazardous duty provided to members of the uniformed service under sections 301, title 37 U.S. Code.

I yield the floor.

Mr. INOUYE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii is recognized.

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, most respectfully, I wish to suggest that this

amendment is demeaning, unfair, and I say insulting to the civilian merchant mariner of the United States of America.

In World War II, I had the great honor and privilege of serving my country, and it is true that my pay, even as that of a captain, was less than that of most of the merchant mariners. But as a result of my injury, for the rest of my life, I will receive a pension. The merchant mariner who was injured in World War II is not receiving that pension. As a result of my service in the military, I received the bountiful gift of this Nation, the GI Bill of Rights. I received my law degree and my baccalaureate through the GI Bill of Rights. The merchant mariner who served during World War II did not receive the GI Bill of Rights. And because of my injury, Mr. President—and this sounds rather facetious—in order to assist me in my mobility throughout the neighborhood, my country gave me a car, an automobile. The disabled merchant mariner did not receive a car. Today, as a result of my injury in World War II, my wife and I receive full medical benefits for the rest of our lives. The merchant mariner doesn't receive that.

As a result of that, understandably, the merchant mariner said this will never happen again. So, since then, they have organized and they have said, ''Though we cannot get the GI Bill, nor can we get lifetime pensions and hospitalization and dependents' benefits, we are going to insist that if we are going to stand in harm's way and risk our lives, we should be covered.''

Mr. President, we are, by this amendment, comparing apples to coconuts—apples and oranges look alike in some cases, but this is apples and coconuts. I hope that at the appropriate time tomorrow morning—whatever my leader wishes to do—we will dispose of this with an overwhelming vote, because this is not fair. It is insulting to our merchant mariners.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, unfortunately, the amendment that the Senator from Iowa has offered deals with another situation. Under this bill before the Senate, the U.S. Government will pay a flat fee for the use of the vessel fully crewed. What the shipowners pay the crew is a private matter. It will not affect the payment at all.

As I said in my opening statement, the problem with the Persian Gulf, Desert Shield and Desert Storm, was we had to go to get foreign shipping. And in most instances, the premiums extracted were 50 percent of the total cost, not just the crew cost. In some instances, it was double the charter price. In spite of that, crews refused to enter the war zone.

Now, the Senator's amendment deals with something that happened in the past, which would not be the situation in the future with regard to this bill. But even with regard to what happened under Desert Shield/Desert Storm, I think the Senator forgets that we recovered the cost of our participation in that crisis, that war, from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. This wasn't taxpayer cost that the Senator was talking about at all.

So, as I indicated, if we had had an agreement, I would not make a motion to table.

I now move to table the amendment.

Under the leader's direction, there will be no vote on that tonight. The vote will occur tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate go into a period of routine morning business so that we can bring about the closing of this day, and we will continue on this bill tomorrow morning following a vote on my motion to table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BYRD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia.

THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SENATE LIBRARY

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, Shakespeare wrote in *The Tempest*, ''My library was dukedom large enough.'' With those few words he expressed the satisfaction, fulfillment and power available through the knowledge recorded and preserved in a well-stocked library.

With those thoughts in mind, I rise to pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Senate's own ''dukedom,'' the Senate Library.

The Library of the Senate is a legislative and general reference library that provides a wide variety of information services to Senate offices in a prompt and timely fashion.

It maintains a comprehensive collection of congressional and governmental publications, and of materials relating to the specialized information needs of the Senate: government and politics, history, political biography, economics, international relations and other topics. The Library's resources and services are dedicated to providing the Members of the Senate and their staffs with critically needed information on issues affecting legislative deliberation and decisionmaking.

The origins of the Senate Library can be traced back as early as 1792 when the Senate, then meeting in Philadelphia, directed the Secretary ''to procure, and deposit in his office, the laws of the several states, for the use of the Senate,'' as well as maps of the country. During the first half of the nineteenth century, the Chief Clerk of the Senate added to these materials by collecting copies of the bills, resolutions and reports of each Congress. By the end of the 1850's, the need for a library to maintain this collection had become evident; efforts to establish the library culminated in resolutions in 1870 to designate rooms to be fitted—and I quote from the *Senate Journal*—''to hold and arrange for the convenience of the Senate books and documents now in charge of the Secretary of the Senate.''

Let me say that again: ''to hold and arrange for the convenience of the Senate books and documents now in charge of the Secretary of the Senate.''

The first librarian to be appointed was George S. Wagner, who officially commenced his duties on July 1, 1871.

While today's Senate Library continues to maintain the core collection of legislative materials that necessitated its establishment 125 years ago, its operations have been transformed by modern technology. The current Senate Librarian, Roger K. Haley, is a veteran of 32 years in the library, and he has witnessed the transition from a completely paper-based service to one that now relies as well on electronic databases, the Internet, and microform. Another significant change occurring over the last twenty years has been the growth in professional staffing in response to the more diverse and sophisticated information needs of Senate patrons.

More than half of the current library staff of 22 consists of highly skilled librarians trained to meet the special requirements of Senate offices. This dedicated team performs an outstanding job in responding quickly to the some 70,000 inquiries that were received last year.

It is a pleasure for me to take this opportunity to commend the Senate Library for its vital service to the Senate and to extend a warm congratulations as it celebrates its 125th anniversary year.

Thomas Carlyle wrote that, ''All that mankind has done, thought, gained or been: it is lying as in magic preservation in the pages of books.''

Especially in this day and age when our Nation faces the turmoil of dramatic, far-reaching change, the knowledge, wisdom, and experience available to us through the source of an extensive and efficient in-house library is critical to helping us make considered judgments.

I thank all of the fine personnel involved with the Senate Library for helping us to light the corridors of our minds so that we may better lead the way for our Nation.

Mr. President, I know of no Senator—I would not have any reason to know if there were—any Senator who calls upon the Senate library more than I call upon it, more than my staff and I lean upon it and depend upon it. And I want to express my gratitude to the people in the Senate library who always respond so courteously and are so cooperative.

So there is a list of 16 persons who have served the Senate as Librarian

since 1871. And I ask unanimous consent that they be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

LIBRARIANS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

George S. Wagner, 1871–1875.
George F. Dawson, 1875–1879.
P. J. Pierce, 1879–1884.
George M. Weston, 1884–1887.
Alonzo W. Church, 1887–1906.
James M. Baker, 1898–1901[1].
Cliff Warden, 1901–1904[1].
James M. Baker, 1904–1904[1].
Edward C. Goodwin, 1904–1906[1].
Edward C. Goodwin, 1906–1921.
Walter P. Scott, 1921–1923.
Edward C. Goodwin, 1923–1930.
James D. Preston, 1931–1935.
Ruskin McArdle, 1935–1947.
George W. Straubinger, 1947–1951.
Richard D. Hupman, 1951–1953.
Sterling Dean, 1953–1954.
Richard D. Hupman, 1954–1954[1].
Gus J. Miller, 1954–1955.
Richard D. Hupman, 1955–1973.
Roger K. Haley, 1973– .

[1] Acting Librarian

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

CONVENTION SPEECH OF SENATOR JAY ROCKEFELLER

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, recently at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, my colleague, Senator JAY ROCKEFELLER addressed the delegates assembled there. His remarks were, as usual, right on point, discussing some of the most important issues of our times. I ask unanimous consent that the full text of Senator ROCKEFELLER's remarks be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the remarks were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[The Charleston Gazette, Wednesday, Aug. 28, 1996]

TEXT OF ROCKEFELLER'S CONVENTION SPEECH

(The Associated Press)

Prepared remarks of Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago on Tuesday:

My name is Jay Rockefeller: I'm from West Virginia. And I'm a Democrat. Let me tell you why.

We Democrats understand what makes America different. In America, a lifetime of hard work adds up to something: owning your own home; putting your kids through college; having peace of mind when you retire.

And no return on a lifetime of hard work means more to more Americans than the peace of mind provided by Medicare and Medicaid.

Medicare—the rock solid guarantee that poor health won't put you in the poor house.

Medicare—part of the sacred trust that binds us together.

Medicare—conceived by Democrats. Passed by Democrats. Defended by Democrats.

In 1964, I went to West Virginia as a VISTA worker—to the small coal camp of Emmons. I worked in Emmons for two years to make a difference, to change some lives. But in the end, I was the one who was transformed. I learned that even the smallest changes can take a lifetime of effort. And I learned that even the smallest efforts count.

In 1965, Lyndon Johnson signed the Medicare and Medicaid bills into law. He carried on the work of Harry Truman and Jack Kennedy, fighting to see health security guaranteed for every senior citizen and working family.

Today, Democrats are fighting to extend that same peace of mind to every American. Today, we are fighting to protect our legacy from Republican rollbacks.

At the Republican convention, Bob Dole talked about going back to the America of his youth. Yes, there is a lot to be said about a time when life was simpler. But nostalgia can play tricks on you * * * not all aspects of the good old days were so good.

There was a time in America when our elderly often lived out the end of their lives in poverty and despair. There was a time when widows were left with nothing, when husbands would lose their homes after caring for a terminally ill spouse. There was a time in America when families' college savings could be wiped out and family farms were sold to pay parents' hospital bills.

But in 1965, we turned a corner. Because of Medicare and Medicaid, we live in a different America. A better America.

Remember, no family is immune to sudden tragedy, old age or illness. The heartbreak is the same for every one of us. That is why we must remember that Medicare and Medicaid are the only safety net protecting working families against impoverishment caused by catastrophic illness.

Today, Americans can all look toward their retirement years with hope and confidence, not fear and anxiety. Today, older Americans and people with disabilities can be assured that they will be treated with dignity.

Democrats are committed to a balanced budget, but we won't do it on the backs of the people who built this country and made it great.

Last year, Republicans tried to give out $245 billion of tax breaks for the rich and cut $270 billion to try to pay for it. And watch out! If the Republicans win, Medicare and Medicaid will be back on the chopping block.

Thirty years ago, Republicans fought against the creation of Medicare. Bob Dole voted against it. Remember what he said only a year ago, and I quote, ''I was there, fighting the fight, one of the 12, voting against Medicare in 1965 . . . because it wouldn't work.'' And Newt Gingrich talks of letting Medicare wither on the vine. We will not let that happen.

And why will we defend Medicare for the family trying to take care of an aging parent? Because that's what families do.

And why will we defend Medicare for senior Americans who have lost their spouses? Because that's what families do.

And why will we be there to defend Medicaid for the family of a child with a disability? Because that's what families do.

And why will we be there to defend Medicare for the couple approaching retirement who need peace of mind? Because that's what families do.

Why will we safeguard Medicaid for children? Because that's what families do.

Why do we continue to push for health care for all Americans? Because that's what families do.

And why are we going to vote Clinton-Gore in '96?

Because that's what families do. And because of what they do for families.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN RILEY

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a special South Carolinian and well known Charlestonian, Mrs. Helen Schachte Riley, who passed away last week at the age of 81.

Mrs. Riley was a respected community servant and devoted Christian, mother, and wife. Throughout her long and distinguished life, this enthusiastic woman was actively involved in her community and many local and charitable organizations.

The strength of a community lies within its citizens, and Helen Riley contributed much to our great city of Charleston. Unquestionably, Mrs. Riley is a role model to many South Carolinians, including her son, Joe Riley, who serves as the Mayor of Charleston. Her legacy lives on and she leaves her children, grandchildren and great grand-children a proud heritage and fond memories of an outstanding and gracious lady.

Mr. President, Helen Schachte Riley's family has my deepest sympathies and condolences on their loss. I believe an article from yesterday's Charleston Post and Courier nicely sums up Mrs. Riley's life and many accomplishments, and I ask unanimous consent that this article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[Charleston Post and Courier, Sept. 18, 1996]

HELEN SCHACHTE RILEY

Helen Schachte Riley didn't make headlines, as did her late husband, prominent civic leader Joseph P. Riley Sr., or her son, the long-time, popular mayor of Charleston. But she was a much-admired force in the community, known for her devotion to her family, the quality of her character and her gracious style.

While naturally shy, Helen Riley had long been in the limelight, either at the side of her husband, or as one of her sons staunchest supporters. She handled her public role with dignity and charm.

A native of the city in which her family would play such a prominent role, she was a bright student at the College of Charleston, graduating second in her class. Then it was on to Jefferson Medical College where she became a medical technologist.

But most of her life was spent as a wife and as a mother to three daughters and a son. Before her death last week at age 81, her devotion had extended to 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr., who delivered the eulogy at his mother's funeral mass at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, remembered her Tuesday as the ''the best role model'' and as ''the-glue that held us together—our center of gravity.''

Helen Riley's parents taught her the importance of community service, the mayor said, noting her involvement with the Association for the Blind and the Florence Crittenton Home. And she was ''a wonderful child to her parents,'' he noted, ''teaching us the joy and responsibility of caring for three generations at one time.''

Her husband and her children had no question about their importance in her life. They knew, the mayor said, that they were her ''very center'' . . . ''it was the bedrock of our existence.'' Deeply religious, she also taught the value of character above all else, according to her son, setting ''a standard of goodness.''

She has left behind many warm memories, not just for her family but for a multitude of her friends and acquaintances. The mayor said he has childhood friends who, 40 years later, can still describe the smell and taste of a typical Helen Riley summer dinner.

She also leaves behind the legacy of a gracious lady who became a role model, not just for her family, but for her community, of a life well-lived.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, September 18, 1996 the Federal debt stood at $5,193,856,710,104.18.

One year ago, September 18, 1995, the Federal debt stood at $4,963,469,000,000.

Five years ago, September 18, 1991, the Federal debt stood at $3,627,589,000,000.

Ten years ago, September 18, 1986, the Federal debt stood at $2,108,613,000,000.

Fifteen years ago, September 18, 1981, the Federal debt stood at $976,715,000,000. This reflects an increase of more than $4 trillion ($4,17,141,710,104.18) during the 15 years from 1981 to 1996.

FOREIGN OIL CONSUMPTION: HERE'S WEEKLY U.S. BOX SCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the American Petroleum Institute reports that for the week ending September 13, the U.S. imported 7,572,000 barrels of oil each day, 393,000 less than the 7,965,000 imported during the same week a year ago.

Nevertheless, Americans relied on foreign oil for 54 percent of their needs last week, and there are no signs that the upward spiral will abate. Before the Persian Gulf War, the United States obtained about 45 percent of its oil supply from foreign countries. During the Arab oil embargo in the 1970s, foreign oil accounted for only 35 percent of America's oil supply.

Anybody else interested in restoring domestic production of oil—by U.S. producers using American workers? Politicians had better ponder the economic calamity sure to occur in America if and when foreign producers shut off our supply—or double the already enormous cost of imported oil flowing into the U.S.—now 7,572,000 barrels a day.

Mr. PELL. Mr. President, it appears to me that we find ourselves in a pleasant predicament when it comes to education appropriations for fiscal year 1997. On each side of the aisle we have leadership packages that would add some $2.3 billion in additional funding to education.

In several areas, the Democratic package, of which I am a cosponsor, is larger than the Republican package. It would, for instance, add $585 million to the Pell Grant program in order to fund a $2,700 maximum grant for the coming year. It would also add funds to the Goals 2000 Program, to the Professional Development Program for Teachers, to Education Technology, and to important higher education programs, such as TRIO and the SSIG Program.

In other areas, however, the Republican package is larger. In areas such as Title I, Adult Education, the SEOG Program, College Work Study, and Special Education, the Republican package contains more funding than the Democratic package.

Mr. President, there is a solution to the dilemma with which we are faced that is in the best interests of our nation. It is also an outcome that would get us out of a bipartisan battle, and bring the spirit of bipartisanship back to education policy making and appropriations. Very simply, I believe we should take the higher number from each package, put them together, and pass a package for which we can all take credit.

This would mean more money for education, and to my mind, that would be very good news, indeed. It would mean better funding in such critical areas as Pell Grants, Title I, Professional Development for Teachers, Special Education, and the campus-based student aid programs.

Instead of discussing which proposal is better in which area, we should resolve the dilemma and conclude an agreement that is in the best interests not of one political party or the other but of the American people.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO PROCEDURAL RULES

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, pursuant to section 303 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. sec. 1383(b)), a notice of adoption of amendments to procedural rules was submitted by the Office of Compliance, U.S. Congress. The notice publishes adopted amendments to the rules governing the procedures for the Office of Compliance under the Congressional Accountability Act.

Section 304(b) requires this notice and the amendments to the rules be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Therefore I ask unanimous consent that the notice and amendments be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE—THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995: AMENDMENTS TO PROCEDURAL RULES

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO PROCEDURAL RULES

Summary: After considering comments to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published July 11, 1996 in the Congressional Record, the Executive Director has adopted and is publishing amendments to the rules governing the procedures for the Office of Compliance under the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-1, 109 Stat. 3). The amendments to the procedural rules have been approved by the Board of Directors, Office of Compliance.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (''CAA'' or ''Act'') was enacted into law on January 23, 1995. In general, the CAA applies the rights and protections of eleven federal labor and employment law statutes to covered employees and employing offices within the legislative branch. Section 303 of the CAA directs that the Executive Director of the Office of Compliance (''Office'') shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors (''Board'') of the Office, adopt rules governing the procedures for the Office, and may amend those rules in the same manner. The procedural rules currently in effect, approved by the Board and adopted by the Executive Director, were published December 22, 1995 in the Congressional Record (141 Cong. R. S 19239 (daily ed., Dec. 22, 1995)). The revisions and additions that follow amend certain of the existing procedures by which the Office provides for the consideration and resolution of alleged violations of the laws made applicable under Part A of title II of the CAA, and establish procedures for consideration of matters arising under Part D of title II of the CAA, which is generally effective October 1, 1996.

Pursuant to section 303(b) of the CAA, the Executive Director published for comment a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Congressional Record on July 11, 1996 (142 Cong. R. S7685-88, H7450-54 (daily ed., July 11, 1996)) inviting comments regarding the proposed amendments to the procedural rules. Three comments were received in response to the NPR: two from Congressional offices and one from a labor organization. After full consideration of the comments received, the Executive Director has, with the approval of the Board, adopted these amendments to the procedural rules.

II. Consideration of Comments and Conclusions

A. Definition of participant

One commenter suggested deleting the terms ''labor organization'' and ''employing office'' from the definition of ''participant'' found at section 1.07(c) of the proposed rules. The commenter noted that a ''party'' is included in the definition of participant and the term ''party'' is defined in section 1.02(i) of the rules as including a labor organization or employing office.

The final rule, as adopted and approved, incorporates the modification suggested by the commenter.

B. Contents or records of confidential proceedings

One commenter asked that section 1.07(d) of the rules be revised to reflect the commenter s understanding that ''an employing office may acknowledge the existence of a complaint and the general allegations being made by an employee, and the employing office may deny the allegations.'' This commenter further requested that the phrase ''information forming the basis for the allegation,'' found in the same section of the rules, be defined. According to the commenter, the phrase is ambiguous. The commenter did not, however, identify the asserted ambiguity.

The statute requires that the filing of a complaint and its subject matter be kept confidential. Thus, it is not permissible under the statute, as enacted—much less the procedural rules implementing the statute—for an employing office to disclose the information described. Moreover, no ambiguity has been identified or is apparent which would warrant modifying the proposed rule. Accordingly, the rule has been adopted and approved without modification.

C. Requests for extension of the mediation period

Two commenters correctly point out that, although it was noted in the preamble of the NPR that section 2.04(e)(2) is proposed to be modified to allow oral as well as written requests for the extension of the mediation period, the actual text of the proposed revision was inadvertently omitted. Although neither commenter stated an objection to the substance of the proposed revision, one commenter requested that the text of the proposed amendment be published and the comment period be extended prior to its adoption.

The proposed amendment, and its intent, were clearly explained in the NPR so as to give sufficient notice of the proposed modification. And as the adoption of the amended rule will not work a disservice to any party to a mediation, but rather will enable all parties to more fully utilize the mediation process, the proposed modification to the rule has been adopted and approved.

D. Answer to complaint

All three commenters expressed concern that proposed section 5.01(f) could be interpreted to foreclose a respondent from raising certain affirmative defenses or interposing certain denials. One commenter further urged the adoption of a specific rule that would allow the filing of a motion to dismiss or a motion for a more definitive statement in lieu of an answer.

With respect to the request that the Executive Director adopt a rule allowing for the filing of the specific motions suggested, it is noted that, although not specifically provided for, such matters are already permitted under the existing procedural rules. Thus, no modification is necessary.

As to the commenters' other concerns, the language of section 5.01(f), as adopted and approved, has been clarified to provide that only affirmative defenses that could have reasonably been anticipated based on the facts alleged in the complaint shall be deemed waived if not raised in an answer. In addition, the rule has been modified to describe the circumstances under which motions for leave to amend an answer to raise defenses or interpose denials will be granted.

E. Withdrawal of complaints

One commenter argued that the requirement contained in section 5.03 that the withdrawal of a complaint be approved by a Hearing Officer should be deleted because, according to the commenter, under the CAA a complaint may be withdrawn at any time. In the commenter's view, a rule requiring Hearing Officer approval of such a withdrawal is ''an inappropriate exercise of the Executive Director's authority.'' This commenter further took issue with the distinction made in the rule between approval of the withdrawal of a complaint by a covered employee, which must always be approved by a Hearing Officer, and the withdrawal of a complaint by the General Counsel, which may occur without Hearing Officer approval prior to the opening of a hearing.

Contrary to the commenter's assertion, it is entirely appropriate and, indeed, the norm in our legal system to require approval of the withdrawal of an action after formal proceedings have been initiated. *See, e.g.*, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41. Moreover, the different restrictions placed on covered employees and the General Counsel are also appropriate. Under section 220 of the CAA, and the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to section 220(d) to implement section 220, the General Counsel's prosecutorial discretion has been properly acknowledged by permitting the General Counsel to withdraw a complaint without Hearing Officer approval prior to the opening of the hearing. Accordingly, the final rule, as adopted and approved, has not been modified.

F. Objections not made are deemed waived

Two commenters expressed the concern that proposed section 7.01(e) could operate to work a disservice to unrepresented parties or to preclude Board consideration of appropriate matters on appeal.

The rule, as adopted and approved, has been modified. Further, it is noted that a Hearing Officer is always free to consider issues about which objections were not made.

G. Reconsideration

One commenter asked that proposed section 8.02 be clarified to advise parties concerning how the filing of a motion for reconsideration of a Board decision affects the requirements for filing an appeal of that decision.

The final rule makes clear that the filing of a motion for reconsideration does not relieve a party of the obligation to file a timely appeal.

H. Judicial review

One commenter asserted that section 8.04 should be deleted either as superfluous because it merely reiterates parts of section 407 of the CAA or as confusing because it does not incorporate all of section 407.

Section 8.04 incorporates the provisions of section 407 that are applicable to the provisions of the CAA that are currently in effect. As section 8.04 is neither superfluous nor confusing, the proposed rule has been adopted and approved unmodified.

I. Signing of Pleadings, motions and other filings; violation of rules; sanctions

One commenter recommended that ''the Board further elaborate'' on proposed section 9.02 and that there be an extension of time to comment ''after the Board provides further explanation.'' In the event the commenter's recommendation was not accepted, the commenter proposed adding the requirement that a pleading must be warranted by a ''non-frivolous'' argument. Another commenter objected to the possible sanction of attorney s fees, arguing that it could have a chilling effect on individual complainants.

Section 9.02 of the rules is virtually identical to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Rule 11 has a rich history and tradition and is an essential procedural part of any sound dispute resolution scheme. Therefore, further explanation or modification is unnecessary and, the rule, as adopted and approved, is the same as that proposed.

J. Ex parte communications

Two commenters asked for a definition of the term ''interested person'' as used in proposed section 9.04. One of these commenters argued that, as drafted, the proposed rule appeared to be so broad as to restrict access to the Office of Compliance personnel, including the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Directors. The same two commenters also urged the deletion of proposed section 9.04(e)(2), which provides that censure or the suspension or revocation of the privilege of practice before the Office is a possible sanction for engaging in prohibited communications. Both commenters considered such sanctions to be too harsh and questioned the authority of the Board to impose such sanctions. The third commenter urged that section 9.04(c)(3)(iii) be modified to disallow communications on matters of general significance because, according to the commenter, such communications could have an impact on specific pending matters. This commenter also expressed concern about the imposition of sanctions on unrepresented complainants who might inadvertently violate the prohibitions on ex parte communications.

In response to the commenters' concerns, the Executive Director is modifying section 9.04(a)(1) to define ''interested person'' for the purposes of the rule. But, contrary to one commenter s understanding, the rule only prohibits interested persons from engaging in prohibited communications with Hearing Officers and Board members; nothing in the proposed or adopted rule prohibits contact with Office of Compliance personnel, including the Office's statutory appointees. Indeed, interaction between Office personnel and employing offices, covered employees, labor organizations and their agents, as well as other interested individuals or organizations, is encouraged.

With respect to proposed section 9.04(e)(2), the sanctions of censure or suspension or revocation of the privilege of practice before the Board, although substantial, may properly be imposed in certain circumstances. However, as they are available to the Board under section 9.04(e)(1), proposed section 9.04(e)(2) has been omitted from the final rule. In addition, to further address concerns, language has been added to section 9.04(e)(1) to confirm that sanctions shall be commensurate with the nature of the offense.

K. Informal resolutions and settlement agreements

One commenter offered specific suggested revisions to proposed section 9.05(a). The commenter believed that these revisions are necessary to make it clear that section 9.05 applies only after a covered employee has initiated counseling.

The proposed rule, by its terms, applies only in instances where a covered employee has filed a formal request for counseling. Moreover, in the NPR, it was specifically noted that the rule is being amended to make it clear that section 9.05 of the rules applies only where covered employees have initiated proceedings under the CAA. Accordingly, the proposed rule has been adopted and approved without modification.

L. Additional comments

Two of the commenters also offered several comments and suggestions on existing procedural rules and other matters that were not the subject of or germane to the proposals in the NPR. For example, the commenters suggested: (1) changes in the special procedures for the Architect of the Capitol and Capitol Police; (2) a rule allowing parties to negotiate changes to the Agreement to Mediate; (3) a procedure by which the parties, instead of the Executive Director, would select Hearing Officers; (4) procedures by which the Office would notify employing offices of various matters; (5) additional requirements for the filing of a complaint; (6) changes in counseling procedures; and (7) a procedure which would allow parties to petition for the recusal of individual Board members.

As there was no notice given to the public or interested persons that such amendments to the procedural rules were being considered, it would be inappropriate to amend the rules in the manner requested by the commenters. However, the Office will consider the comments as part of its ongoing review of its operations and, to the extent appropriate, may issue another notice of proposed rulemaking at an appropriate time to address some or all of these comments.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on this 18th day of September, 1996.

R. GAULL SILBERMAN,
Executive Director,
Office of Compliance.

Adopted Amendment to the Procedural Rules

A. Comparison table

The rules have been reorganized and re-ordered; as a result, some sections have been

moved and/or renumbered. Cross-references in appropriate sections of the procedural rules have been modified accordingly. The organizational changes are listed in the following comparison table.

Former Section No.	*New Section No.*
§2.06 Complaints	§5.01
§2.07 Appointment of the Hearing Officer	§5.02
§2.08 Filing, Service and Size Limitations of Motions, Briefs, Responses and Other Documents	§9.01
§2.09 Dismissal of Complaint	§5.03
§2.10 Confidentiality	§5.04
§2.11 Filing of Civil Action	§2.06
§8.02 Compliance with Final Decisions, Requests for Enforcement	§8.03
§8.03 Judicial Review	§8.04
§9.01 Attorney's Fees and Costs	§9.03
§9.02 Ex Parte Communications	§9.04
§9.03 Settlement Agreements	§9.05
§9.04 Revocation, Amendment or Waiver of Rules	§9.06

B. Text of Amendments to Procedural Rules

§1.01 Scope and policy

These rules of the Office of Compliance govern the procedures for consideration and resolution of alleged violations of the laws made applicable under Parts A and D of title II of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995. The rules include procedures for counseling, mediation, and for electing between filing a complaint with the Office of Compliance and filing a civil action in a district court of the United States. The rules also address the procedures for the conduct of hearings held as a result of the filing of a complaint and for appeals to the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance from Hearing Officer decisions, as well as other matters of general applicability to the dispute resolution process and to the operations of the Office of Compliance. It is the policy of the Office that these rules shall be applied with due regard to the rights of all parties and in a manner that expedites the resolution of disputes.

§1.02(c)

Employee. The term employee includes an applicant for employment and a former employee, except as provided in section 2421.3(b) of the Board s rules under section 220 of the Act.

§1.02(i)

Party. The term party means: (1) the employee or the employing office in a proceeding under Part A of title II of the Act; or (2) the labor organization, individual employing office or employing activity, or, as appropriate, the General Counsel in a proceeding under Part D of title II of the Act.

§1.02(j)

Respondent. The term ''respondent'' means the party against which a complaint is filed.

§1.05 Designation of Representative.

(a) An employee, a witness, a labor organization, or an employing office wishing to be represented by another individual must file with the Office a written notice of designation of representative. The representative may be, but is not required to be, an attorney.

(b) *Service where there is a representative.* All service of documents shall be directed to the representative, unless the represented individual, labor organization, or employing office specifies otherwise and until such time as that individual, labor organization, or employing office notifies the Executive Director of an amendment or revocation of the designation of representative. Where a designation of representative is in effect, all time limitations for receipt of materials by the represented individual or entity shall be computed in the same manner as for unrepresented individuals or entities with service of the documents, however, directed to the representative, as provided.

§1.07(b)

Prohibition. Unless specifically authorized by the provisions of the CAA or by order of the Board, the Hearing Officer or a court, or by the procedural rules of the Office, no participant in counseling, mediation or other proceedings made confidential under section 416 of the CAA (''confidential proceedings'') may disclose the contents or records of those proceedings to any person or entity. Nothing in these rules prohibits a bona fide representative of a party under section 1.05 from engaging in communications with that party for the purpose of participation in the proceedings, provided that such disclosure is not made in the presence of individuals not reasonably necessary to the representative's representation of that party. Moreover, nothing in these rules prohibits a party or its representative from disclosing information obtained in confidential proceedings for the limited purposes of investigating claims, ensuring compliance with the Act or preparing its prosecution or defense, to the extent that such disclosure is reasonably necessary to accomplish the aforementioned purposes and provided that the party making the disclosure takes all reasonably appropriate steps to ensure that persons to whom the information is disclosed maintain the confidentiality of such information.

§1.07(c)

Participant. For the purposes of this rule, participant means any individual or party, including a designated representative, that becomes a participant in counseling under section 402, mediation under section 403, the complaint and hearing process under section 405, or an appeal to the Board under section 406 of the Act, or any related proceeding which is expressly or by necessity deemed confidential under the Act or these rules.

§1.07(d)

Contents or records of confidential proceedings. For the purpose of this rule, the contents or records of counseling, mediation or other proceeding includes the information disclosed by participants to the proceedings, and records disclosed by either the opposing party, witnesses or the Office. A participant is free to disclose facts and other information obtained from any source outside of the confidential proceedings. For example, an employing office or its representatives may disclose information about its employment practices and personnel actions, provided that the information was not obtained in a confidential proceeding. However, an employee who obtains that information in mediation or other confidential proceeding may not disclose such information. Similarly, information forming the basis for the allegation of a complaining employee may be disclosed by that employee, provided that the information contained in those allegations was not obtained in a confidential proceeding. However, the employing office or its representatives may not disclose that information if it was obtained in a confidential proceeding.

§2.04(a)

(a) *Explanation*. Mediation is a process in which employees, employing offices and their representatives, if any, meet separately and/or jointly with a neutral trained to assist them in resolving disputes. As parties to the mediation, employees, employing offices and their representatives discuss alternatives to continuing their dispute, including the possibility of reaching a voluntary, mutually satisfactory resolution. The neutral has no power to impose a specific resolution, and the mediation process, whether or not a resolution is reached, is strictly confidential, pursuant to section 416 of the Act.

§2.04(e)

(e) *Duration and Extension*. (1) The mediation period shall be 30 days beginning on the date the request for mediation is received, unless the Office grants an extension.

(2) The Office may extend the mediation period upon the joint request of the parties. The request may be oral or written and shall be noted and filed with the Office no later than the last day of the mediation period. The request shall set forth the joint nature of the request and the reasons therefor, and specify when the parties expect to conclude their discussions. Requests for additional extensions may be made in the same manner. Approval of any extensions shall be within the sole discretion of the Office.

§2.04(f)(2)

(2) *The Agreement to Mediate*. At the commencement of the mediation, the neutral will ask the parties to sign an agreement prepared by the Office (''the Agreement to Mediate''). The Agreement to Mediate will set out the conditions under which mediation will occur, including the requirement that the participants adhere to the confidentiality of the process. The Agreement to Mediate will also provide that the parties to the mediation will not seek to have the counselor or the neutral participate, testify or otherwise present evidence in any subsequent civil action under section 408 of the Act or any other proceeding.

§2.04(h)

Informal Resolutions and Settlement Agreements. At any time during mediation the parties may resolve or settle a dispute in accordance with section 9.05 of these rules.

§5.01 Complaints

(a) *Who may file*. (1) An employee who has completed mediation under section 2.04 may timely file a complaint with the Office alleging any violation of sections 201 through 207 of the Act.

(2) The General Counsel may file a complaint alleging a violation of section 220 of the Act.

(b) *When to file*. (1) A complaint may be filed by an employee no sooner than 30 days after the date of receipt of the notice under section 2.04(i), but no later than 90 days after receipt of that notice.

(2) A complaint may be filed by the General Counsel after the investigation of a charge filed under section 220 of the Act.

(c) *Form and Contents*. (1) Complaints filed by covered employees. A complaint shall be written or typed on a complaint form available from the Office. All complaints shall be signed by the covered employee, or his or her representative, and shall contain the following information:

(i) the name, mailing address, and telephone number(s) of the complainant;

(ii) the name, address and telephone number of the employing office against which the complaint is brought;

(iii) the name(s) and title(s) of the individual(s) involved in the conduct that the employee claims is a violation of the Act;

(iv) a description of the conduct being challenged, including the date(s) of the conduct;

(v) a brief description of why the complainant believes the challenged conduct is a violation of the Act and the section(s) of the Act involved;

(vi) a statement of the relief or remedy sought; and

(vii) the name, address, and telephone number of the representative, if any, who will act on behalf of the complainant.

(2) Complaints filed by the General Counsel. A complaint filed by the General Counsel shall be typed, signed by the General Counsel or his designee and shall contain the following information:

(i) the name, address and telephone number of the employing office and/or labor organization alleged to have violated section 220 against which the complaint is brought;

(ii) notice of the charge filed alleging a violation of section 220;

(iii) a description of the acts and conduct that are alleged to be violations of the Act, including all relevant dates and places and the names and titles of the responsible individuals; and

(iv) a statement of the relief or remedy sought.

(d) *Amendments.* Amendments to the complaint may be permitted by the Office or, after assignment, by a Hearing Officer, on the following conditions: that all parties to the proceeding have adequate notice to prepare to meet the new allegations; that the amendments, as appropriate, relate to the violations for which the employee has completed counseling and mediation, or relate to the charge(s) investigated by the General Counsel; and that permitting such amendments will not unduly prejudice the rights of the employing office, the labor organization, or other parties, unduly delay the completion of the hearing or otherwise interfere with or impede the proceedings.

(e) *Service of Complaint.* Upon receipt of a complaint or an amended complaint, the Office shall serve the respondent, or its designated representative, by hand delivery or certified mail, with a copy of the complaint or amended complaint and a copy of these rules. The Office shall include a service list containing the names and addresses of the parties and their designated representatives.

(f) *Answer.* Within 15 days after receipt of a copy of a complaint or an amended complaint, the respondent shall file an answer with the Office and serve one copy on the complainant. The answer shall contain a statement of the position of the respondent on each of the issues raised in the complaint or amended complaint, including admissions, denials, or explanations of each allegation made in the complaint and any affirmative defenses or other defenses to the complaint.

Failure to file an answer or to raise a claim or defense as to any allegation(s) shall constitute an admission of such allegation(s). Affirmative defenses not raised in an answer that could have reasonably been anticipated based on the facts alleged in the complaint shall be deemed waived. A respondent's motion for leave to amend an answer to interpose a denial or affirmative defense will ordinarily be granted unless to do so would unduly prejudice the rights of the other party or unduly delay or otherwise interfere with or impede the proceedings.

§ 5.03 Dismissal of complaints

(a) A Hearing Officer may, after notice and an opportunity to respond, dismiss any claim that the Hearing Officer finds to be frivolous or that fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, including, but not limited to, claims that were not advanced in counseling or mediation.

(b) A Hearing Officer may, after notice and an opportunity to respond, dismiss a complaint because it fails to comply with the applicable time limits or other requirements under the Act or these rules.

(c) If the General Counsel or any complainant fails to proceed with an action, the Hearing Officer may dismiss the complaint with prejudice.

(d) *Appeal.* A dismissal by the Hearing Officer made under section 5.03(a)-(c) or 7.16 of these rules may be subject to appeal before the Board if the aggrieved party files a timely petition for review under section 8.01.

(e) *Withdrawal of Complaint by Complainant.* At any time a complainant may withdraw his or her own complaint by filing a notice with the Office for transmittal to the Hearing Officer and by serving a copy on the employing office or representative. Any such withdrawal must be approved by the Hearing Officer.

(f) *Withdrawal of Complaint by the General Counsel.* At any time prior to the opening of the hearing the General Counsel may withdraw his complaint by filing a notice with the Executive Director and the Hearing Officer and by serving a copy on the respondent. After opening of the hearing, any such withdrawal must be approved by the Hearing Officer.

§ 7.04(b)

Scheduling of the Prehearing Conference. Within 7 days after assignment, the Hearing Officer shall serve on the parties and their designated representatives written notice setting forth the time, date, and place of the prehearing conference.

§ 7.07(e)

(e) Any evidentiary objection not timely made before a Hearing Officer shall, in the absence of clear error, be deemed waived on appeal to the Board.

§ 7.07(f)

(f) If the Hearing Officer concludes that a representative of an employee, a witness, a labor organization, or an employing office has a conflict of interest, he or she may, after giving the representative an opportunity to respond, disqualify the representative. In that event, within the time limits for hearing and decision established by the Act, the affected party will have a reasonable time to retain other representation.

§ 8.01(i)

The Board may invite amicus participation, in appropriate circumstances, in a manner consistent with the requirements of section 416 of the CAA.

§ 8.02 Reconsideration

After a final decision or order of the Board has been issued, a party to the proceeding before the Board, who can establish in its moving papers that reconsideration is necessary because the Board has overlooked or misapprehended points of law or fact, may move for reconsideration of such final decision or order. The motion shall be filed within 15 days after service of the Board's decision or order. No response shall be filed unless the Board so orders. The filing and pendency of a motion under this provision shall not relieve a party of the obligation to file a timely appeal or operate to stay the action of the Board unless so ordered by the Board.

§ 8.04 Judicial review

Pursuant to section 407 of the Act,

(a) the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit shall have jurisdiction over any proceeding commenced by a petition of:

(1) a party aggrieved by a final decision of the Board under section 406(e) in cases arising under part A of title II, or

(2) the General Counsel or a respondent before the Board who files a petition under section 220(c)(3) of the Act.

(b) The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit shall have jurisdiction over any petition of the General Counsel, filed in the name of the Office and at the direction of the Board, to enforce a final decision under section 405(g) or 406(e) with respect to a violation of part A or D of title II of the Act.

(c) The party filing a petition for review shall serve a copy on the opposing party or parties or their representative(s).

§ 9.02 Signing of pleadings, motions and other filings; violation of rules; sanctions

Every pleading, motion, and other filing of a party represented by an attorney or other designated representative shall be signed by the attorney or representative. A party who is not represented shall sign the pleading, motion or other filing. The signature of a representative or party constitutes a certificate by the signer that the signer has read the pleading, motion, or other filing; that to the best of the signer's knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, it is well grounded in fact and is warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law, and that it is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation. If a pleading, motion, or other filing is not signed, it shall be stricken unless it is signed promptly after the omission is called to the attention of the person who is required to sign. If a pleading, motion, or other filing is signed in violation of this rule, a Hearing Officer or the Board, as appropriate, upon motion or upon its own initiative, shall impose upon the person who signed it, a represented party, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may include an order to pay to the other party or parties the amount of the reasonable expenses incurred because of the filing of the pleading, motion, or other filing, including a reasonable attorney's fee. A Hearing Officer or the Board, as appropriate, upon motion or its own initiative may also impose an appropriate sanction, which may include the sanctions specified in section 7.02, for any other violation of these rules that does not result from reasonable error.

§ 9.04 Ex parte communications.

(a) *Definitions.* (1) The term *interested person outside the Office* means any covered employee and agent thereof who is not an employee or agent of the Office, any labor organization and agent thereof, any employing office and agent thereof, and any individual or organization and agent thereof, who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in a proceeding or a rulemaking, and the General Counsel and any agent thereof when prosecuting a complaint proceeding before the Office pursuant to sections 210, 215, or 220 of the CAA. The term also includes any employee of the Office who becomes a party or a witness for a party other than the Office in proceedings as defined in these rules.

(2) The term *ex parte communication* means an oral or written communication (a) that is between an interested person outside the Office and a Board member or Hearing Officer who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in a proceeding or a rulemaking; (b) that is related to a proceeding or a rulemaking; (c) that is not made on the public record; (d) that is not made in the presence of all parties to a proceeding or a rulemaking; and (5) that is made without reasonable prior notice to all parties to a proceeding or a rulemaking.

(3) For purposes of section 9.04, the term *proceeding* means the complaint and hearing proceeding under section 405 of the CAA, an appeal to the Board under section 406 of the CAA, a pre-election investigatory hearing under section 220 of the CAA, and any other proceeding of the Office established pursuant to regulations issued by the Board under the CAA.

(4) The term *period of rulemaking* means the period commencing with the issuance of an

advance notice of proposed rulemaking or of a notice of proposed rulemaking, whichever issues first, and concluding with the issuance of a final rule.

(b) *Exception to Coverage.* The rules set forth in this section do not apply during periods that the Board designates as periods of negotiated rulemaking.

(c) *Prohibited Ex Parte Communications and Exceptions.* (1) During a proceeding, it is prohibited knowingly to make or cause to be made:

(i) a written ex parte communication if copies thereof are not promptly served by the communicator on all parties to the proceeding in accordance with section 9.01 of these Rules; or

(ii) an oral ex parte communication unless all parties have received advance notice thereof by the communicator and have an adequate opportunity to be present.

(2) During the period of rulemaking, it is prohibited knowingly to make or cause to be made a written or an oral ex parte communication. During the period of rulemaking, the Office shall treat any written ex parte communication as a comment in response to the advance notice of proposed rulemaking or the notice of proposed rulemaking, whichever is pending, and such communications will therefore be part of the public rulemaking record.

(3) Notwithstanding the prohibitions set forth in (1) and (2), the following ex parte communications are not prohibited:

(i) those which relate solely to matters which the Board member or Hearing Officer is authorized by law, Office rules, or order of the Board or Hearing Officer to entertain or dispose of on an ex parte basis;

(ii) those which all parties to the proceeding agree, or which the responsible official formally rules, may be made on an ex parte basis;

(iii) those which concern only matters of general significance to the field of labor and employment law or administrative practice;

(iv) those from the General Counsel to the Office or the Board when the General Counsel is acting on behalf of the Office or the Board under any section of the CAA; and

(v) those which could not reasonably be construed to create either unfairness or the appearance of unfairness in a proceeding or rulemaking.

(4) It is prohibited knowingly to solicit or cause to be solicited any prohibited ex parte communication.

(d) *Reporting of Prohibited Ex Parte Communications.* (1) Any Board member or Hearing Officer who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in a proceeding or a rulemaking and who determines that he or she is being asked to receive a prohibited ex parte communication shall refuse to do so and inform the communicator of this rule.

(2) Any Board member or Hearing Officer who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in a proceeding who knowingly receives a prohibited ex parte communication shall (a) notify the parties to the proceeding that such a communication has been received; and (b) provide the parties with a copy of the communication and of any response thereto (if written) or with a memorandum stating the substance of the communication and any response thereto (if oral). If a proceeding is then pending before either the Board or a Hearing Officer, and if the Board or Hearing Officer so orders, these materials shall then be placed in the record of the proceeding. Upon order of the Hearing Officer or the Board, the parties may be provided with a full opportunity to respond to the alleged prohibited ex parte communication and to address what action, if any, should be taken in the proceeding as a result of the prohibited communication.

(3) Any Board member involved in a rulemaking who knowingly receives a prohibited ex parte communication shall cause to be published in the Congressional Record a notice that such a communication has been received and a copy of the communication and of any response thereto (if written) or with a memorandum stating the substance of the communication and any response thereto (if oral). Upon order of the Board, these materials shall then be placed in the record of the rulemaking and the Board shall provide interested persons with a full opportunity to respond to the alleged prohibited ex parte communication and to address what action, if any, should be taken in the proceeding as a result of the prohibited communication.

(4) Any Board member or Hearing Officer who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in a proceeding or a rulemaking and who knowingly receives a prohibited ex parte communication and who fails to comply with the requirements of subsections (1), (2), or (3) above, is subject to internal censure or discipline through the same procedures that the Board utilizes to address and resolve ethical issues.

(e) *Penalties and Enforcement.* (1) Where a person is alleged to have made or caused another to make a prohibited ex parte communication, the Board or the Hearing Officer (as appropriate) may issue to the person a notice to show cause, returnable within a stated period not less than seven days from the date thereof, why the Board or the Hearing Officer should not determine that the interests of law or justice require that the person be sanctioned by, where applicable, dismissal of his or her claim or interest, the striking of his or her answer, or the imposition of some other appropriate sanction, including but not limited to the award of attorneys' fees and costs incurred in responding to a prohibited ex parte communication. Sanctions shall be commensurate with the seriousness and unreasonableness of the offense, accounting for, among other things, the advertency or inadvertency of the prohibited communication.

(2) Any Board member or Hearing Officer who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in a proceeding or a rulemaking and who knowingly makes or causes to be made a prohibited ex parte communication is subject to internal censure or discipline through the same procedures that the Board utilizes to address and resolve ethical issues.

§ 9.05(a)

(a) *Informal Resolution.* At any time before a covered employee who has filed a formal request for counseling files a complaint under section 405, a covered employee and the employing office, on their own, may agree voluntarily and informally to resolve a dispute, so long as the resolution does not require a waiver of a covered employee's rights or the commitment by the employing office to an enforceable obligation.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, pursuant to section 304(b) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. sec. 1384(b)), a notice of proposed rulemaking was submitted by the Office of Compliance, U.S. Congress. The notice publishes proposed regulations to implement section 210 and section 215 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995.

Section 210 concerns the extension of rights and protections under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 relating to public services and accommodations. Section 215 concerns the extension of rights and protections under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

Section 304(b) requires this notice to be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, therefore I ask unanimous consent that the notice be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the notice was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE—THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995: EXTENSION OF RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Summary: The Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance is publishing proposed regulations to implement Section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (''CAA''), 2 U.S.C. §§1301–1438, as applied to covered entities of the House of Representatives, the Senate, and certain Congressional instrumentalities listed below.

The CAA applies the rights and protections of eleven labor and employment and public access statutes to covered entities within the Legislative Branch. Section 210(b) provides that the rights and protections against discrimination in the provision of public services and accommodations established by sections 201 through 230, 302, 303, and 309 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§12131–12150, 12182, 12183, and 12189 (''ADA'') shall apply to certain covered entities. 2 U.S.C. §1331(b). The above provisions of section 210 are effective on January 1, 1997. 2 U.S.C. §1331(h).

In addition to inviting comment in this Notice, the Board, through the statutory appointees of the Office, sought consultation with the Department of Justice and the Secretary of Transportation regarding the development of these regulations in accordance with section 304(g)(2) of the CAA. The Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department and the Department of Transportation provided helpful comments and assistance during the development of these regulations. The Board also notes that the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance has completed an inspection of all covered facilities for compliance with disability access standards under section 210 of the CAA and has submitted his final report to Congress. Based on information gleaned from these consultations and the experience gained from the General Counsel's inspections, the Board is publishing these proposed regulations, pursuant to section 210(e) of the CAA, 2 U.S.C. §1331(e).

The purpose of these regulations is to implement section 210 of the CAA. In this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (''NPRM'' or ''Notice'') the Board proposes that virtually identical regulations be adopted for the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the seven Congressional instrumentalities. Accordingly:

(1) *Senate.* It is proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to entities within the Senate, and this proposal regarding the Senate entities is recommended by the Office of Compliance's Deputy Executive Director for the Senate.

(2) *House of Representatives.* It is further proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to entities within the House of Representatives, and this proposal

regarding the House of Representatives entities is recommended by the Office of Compliance's Deputy Executive Director for the House of Representatives.

(3) *Certain Congressional instrumentalities*. It is further proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to the Capitol Guide Service, the Capitol Police, the Congressional Budget Office, the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Office of the Attending Physician, and the Office of Compliance; and this proposal regarding these six Congressional instrumentalities is recommended by the Office of Compliance s Executive Director.

Dates: Comments are due within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice in the Congressional Record.

Addresses: Submit written comments (an original and 10 copies) to the Chair of the Board of Directors, Office of Compliance, Room LA 200, John Adams Building, 110 Second Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540-1999. Those wishing to receive notification of receipt of comments are requested to include a self-addressed, stamped post card. Comments may also be transmitted by facsimile (''FAX'') machine to (202) 426-1913. This is not a toll-free call. Copies of comments submitted by the public will be available for review at the Law Library Reading Room, Room LM-201, Law Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, Washington, D.C., Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

For further information contact: Executive Director, Office of Compliance, at (202) 724-9250 (voice), (202) 426-1912 (TTY). This Notice is also available in the following formats: large print, braille, audio tape, and electronic file on computer disk. Requests for this notice in an alternative format should be made to Mr. Russell Jackson, Director, Services Department, Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, at (202) 224-2705 (voice), (202) 224-5574 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background and Summary

The Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (''CAA''), Pub.L. 104-1, 109 Stat. 3, was enacted on January 23, 1995. 2 U.S.C. §§1301-1438. In general, the CAA applies the rights and protections of eleven federal labor and employment and public access statutes to covered employees and employing offices.

Section 210(b) provides that the rights and protections against discrimination in the provision of public services and accommodations established by the provisions of Titles II and III (sections 201 through 230, 302, 303, and 309) of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§12131-12150, 12182, 12183, and 12189 (''ADA'') shall apply to the following entities:

(1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee;

(2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee;

(3) each joint committee of the Congress;

(4) the Capitol Guide Service;

(5) the Capitol Police;

(6) the Congressional Budget Office;

(7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden);

(8) the Office of the Attending Physician; and

(9) the Office of Compliance.

2 U.S.C. §1331(b).

Title II of the ADA generally prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, programs, or activities by any ''public entity''. Section 210(b)(2) of the CAA defines the term ''public entity'' for Title II purposes as any entity listed above that provides public services, programs, or activities. 2 U.S.C. §1331(b)(2).

Title III of the ADA generally prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public accommodations and requires places of public accommodation and commercial facilities to be designed, constructed, and altered in compliance with accessibility standards. Section 225(f) of the CAA provides that, ''[e]xcept where inconsistent with definitions and exemptions provided in this Act, the definitions and exemptions of the [ADA] shall apply under this Act.'' 2 U.S.C. §1361(f)(1).

Section 210(f) of the CAA requires that the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance on a regular basis, and at least once each Congress, conduct periodic inspections of all covered facilities and report to Congress on compliance with disability access standards under section 210. 2 U.S.C. §1331(f).

Section 210(e) of the CAA requires the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance established under the CAA to issue regulations implementing the section. 2 U.S.C. §1331(e). Section 210(e) further states that such regulations ''shall be the same as substantive regulations promulgated by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (b) except to the extent that the Board may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section.'' *Id*. Section 210(e) further provides that the regulations shall include a method of identifying, for purposes of this section and for different categories of violations of subsection (b), the entity responsible for correction of a particular violation. 2 U.S.C. §1331(e).

In developing these proposed regulations, a number of issues have been identified and explored. The Board has proposed to resolve these issues as described below.

A. In general

1. *Public services and accommodations regulations promulgated by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation that the board will adopt under section 210(e) of the CAA.*— Section 210(e) requires the Board to issue regulations that are the same as ''substantive regulations promulgated by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (b) except to the extent that the Board may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section.'' 2 U.S.C. §1331(e).

Consistent with its prior decisions on this issue, the Board has determined that all regulations promulgated after a notice and comment by the Attorney General and/or the Secretary of Transportation to implement the provisions of Title II and Title III of the ADA applied by section 210(b) of the CAA are ''substantive regulations'' within the meaning of section 210(e). *See, e.g.*, 142 Cong.Rec. S5070, S5071–72 (daily ed. May 15, 1996) (NPRM implementing section 220(d) regulations); 141 Cong. Rec. S17605 (daily ed. Nov. 28, 1995) (NPRM implementing section 203 regulations). *See also Reves v. Ernst & Young*, 113 S.Ct. 1163, 1169 (1993) (where same phrase or term is used in two different places in the same statute, it is reasonable for court to give each use a similar construction); *Sorenson v. Secretary of the Treasury*, 475 U.S. 851, 860 (1986) (normal rule of statutory construction assumes that identical words in different parts of the same act are intended to have the same meaning).

In this regard, the Board has reviewed the provisions of section 210 of the CAA, the sections of the ADA applied by that section, and the regulations of the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation, to determine whether and to what extent those regulations are substantive regulations which implement the provisions of Title II and Title III of the ADA applied by section 210(b) of the CAA. As explained more fully below, the Board proposes to adopt the following otherwise applicable regulations of the Attorney General published at Parts 35 and 36 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations (''CFR'') and those of the Secretary of Transportation published at Parts 37 and 38 of Title 49 of the CFR:

1. *Attorney General's regulations at Part 35 of Title 28 of the CFR:* The Attorney General's regulations at Part 35 implement subtitle A of Title II of the ADA (sections 201 through 205), the rights and protections of which are applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA. *See* 28 CFR §35.101 (Purpose). Therefore, the Board determines that these regulations will be adopted in the proposed regulations under section 210(e).

2. *Attorney General's regulations at Part 36 of Title 28 of the CFR:* The Attorney General's regulations at Part 36 implement Title III of the ADA (sections 301 through 309). *See* 28 CFR §36.101 (Purpose). Section 210(b) only applies the rights and protections of three sections of Title III with respect to public accommodations: prohibitions against discrimination (section 302), provisions regarding new construction and alterations (section 303), and provisions regarding examinations and courses (section 309). Therefore, only those regulations in Part 36 that are reasonably necessary to implement the statutory provisions of sections 302, 303, and 309 will be adopted by the Board under section 210(e) of the CAA.

3. *Secretary of Transportation regulations at Parts 37 and 38 of Title 49 of the CFR:* The Secretary's regulations at Parts 37 and 38 implement the transportation provisions of Title II and Title III of the ADA. *See* 49 CFR §§37.101 (Purpose) and 38.1 (Purpose). The provisions of Title II and Title III of the ADA relating to transportation and applied to covered entities by section 210(b) of the CAA are subtitle B of Title II (sections 221 through 230) and certain portions of section 302 of Title III. Thus, those regulations of the Secretary that are reasonably necessary to implement the statutory provisions of sections 221 through 230, 302, and 303 of the ADA will be adopted by the Board under section 210(e) of the CAA.

The Board proposes not to adopt those regulatory provisions of the regulations of the Attorney General or those of the Secretary that have no conceivable applicability to operations of entities within the Legislative Branch or are unlikely to be invoked. *See* 141 Cong. Rec. at S17604 (daily ed. Nov. 28, 1995) (NPRM implementing section 203 regulations). Unless public comments demonstrate otherwise, the Board intends to include in the adopted regulations a provision stating that the Board has issued substantive regulations on all matters for which section 210(e) requires a regulation. *See* section 411 of the CAA, 2 U.S.C. §1411.

In addition, the Board has proposed to make technical changes in definitions and nomenclature so that the regulations comport with the CAA and the organizational structure of the Office of Compliance. In the Board's judgment, making such changes satisfies the CAA's ''good cause'' requirement. With the exception of these technical and nomenclature changes, the Board does not propose substantial departure from otherwise applicable Secretary's regulations.

The Board notes that the General Counsel applied the above-referenced standards of

Parts 35 and 36 of the Attorney General's regulations and Parts 37 and 38 of the Secretary's regulations during his initial inspection of all Legislative Branch facilities pursuant to section 210(f) of the CAA. In contrast to other sections of the CAA, which generally give the Office of Compliance only adjudicatory and regulatory responsibilities, the General Counsel has the authority to investigate and prosecute alleged violations of disability standards under section 210, as well as the responsibility for inspecting covered facilities to ensure compliance. According to the General Counsel's final inspection report, the Title II and Title III regulations encompass the following requirements:

1. *Program accessibility:* This standard is applied to ensure physical access to public programs, services, or activities. Under this standard, covered entities must modify policies, practices, and procedures to ensure an equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities. If policy and procedural modifications are ineffective, then structural modifications may be required.

2. *Effective communication:* This standard requires covered entities to make sure that their communications with individuals with disabilities (such as in the context of constituent meetings and committee hearings) are as effective as their communications with others. Covered entities are required to make information available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or audio tape, or use methods that provide individuals with disabilities the opportunity to effectively communicate, such as sign language interpreters or the use of pen and paper. Primary consideration must be given to the method preferred by the individual. For telecommunications, the use of text telephones (TTY's) or the use of relay services is required.

3. *ADA Standards for Accessible Design:* These standards are applied to architectural barriers, including structural barriers to communication, such as telephone booths, to ensure that existing facilities, new construction, and new alterations, are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

See Inspection Report, App. A-3—A-4.

The Board recognizes that, as with other obligations under the CAA, covered entities will need information and guidance regarding compliance with these ADA standards as adopted in these proposed regulations, which the Office will provide as part of its education and information activities.

2. *Modification of regulations of the Attorney General and the Secretary*.—The Board has considered whether and to what extent it should modify otherwise applicable substantive public service and accommodation standards of the Attorney General and the Secretary. As the Board has noted in prior rulemakings, the language and legislative history of the CAA leads the Board to conclude that, absent clear statutory language to the contrary, the Board should hew as closely as possible to the text of otherwise applicable regulations promulgated by the appropriate executive branch agency to implement the statutory provisions applied to the Legislative Branch by the CAA. *See* 142 Cong. Rec. S221, S222 (daily ed. Jan. 22, 1996) (Notice of Adoption of Rules Implementing Section 203 regulations) (''The CAA was intended not only to bring covered employees the benefits of the . . . incorporated laws, but also require Congress to experience the same compliance burdens faced by other employers so that it could more fairly legislate in this area.''). Thus, consistent with its prior decisions, the Board proposes to issue the regulations of the Attorney General and the Secretary with only technical changes in the nomenclature and deletion of those sections clearly inapplicable to the Legislative Branch. *See, e.g.*, 141 Cong. Rec. S17603-S17604 (daily ed. Nov. 28, 1995) (NPRM implementing section 203 regulations).

This conclusion is supported by the General Counsel's inspection report, which applied the substantive public service and accommodation standards to covered facilities in the course of his initial inspections under section 210(f) of the CAA. Specifically, there was nothing about the reported condition of facilities within the Legislative Branch that suggested that they were so different from comparable private sector and state and local governmental facilities as to require a public service and accommodations standard different than those applied by the Attorney General and the Secretary. *See generally* Gen. Couns., Off. Compliance, ''Report on Initial Inspections of Facilities for Compliance with Americans With Disability Act Standards Under Section 210'' (1996) (''Disability Access Report''). Thus, with the exception of nonsubstantive technical and nomenclature changes, the Board proposes no departure from the text of otherwise applicable portions of the regulations of the Attorney General and those of the Secretary.

3. Specific issues regarding the Attorney General's title II regulations (part 35, 28 CFR).

a. *Self-evaluation, notice, and designation of responsible employee and adoption of grievance provisions (sections 35.105, 35.106, and 35.107).*—Section 35.105 of the Attorney General's regulations establishes a requirement that all ''public entities'' evaluate their current policies and practices to identify and correct any that are inconsistent with accessibility requirements under the regulation. Those that employ 50 or more persons are required to maintain the self-evaluation on file and make it available for public inspection for three years. This self-evaluation does not cover activities covered by the Department of Transportation regulations (implementing sections 221 through 230 of the ADA). Section 35.106 requires a public entity to disseminate sufficient information to applicants, participants, beneficiaries, and other interested persons to inform them of the rights and protections afforded by the ADA and the regulations. Methods of providing this information include, for example, the publication of information in handbooks, manuals, and pamphlets that are distributed to the public and that describe a public entity's programs and activities; the display of informative posters in service centers and other public places; or the broadcast of information by television or radio. *See* 56 Fed. Reg. 35694, 35702 (July 26, 1991) (preamble to final rule regarding Part 35). Section 35.107 requires that public entities with 50 or more employees designate a responsible employee and adopt grievance procedures. This provision establishes an alternative dispute resolution mechanism without requiring the complainant to resort to legal complaint procedures under the ADA. However, the complainant is not required to exhaust these procedures before filing a complaint under the ADA. *See* 56 Fed. Reg. at 35702.

The Board has considered whether and to what extent it may and should impose these recordkeeping, notice, and grievance requirements on covered entities. In contrast to the recordkeeping requirements of other laws applied by the CAA (such as the Fair Labor Standards Act) which were not included in sections of the laws applied to covered employees and employing offices by the CAA, the recordkeeping, notice, and grievance requirements in sections 35.105, 35.106, and 35.107 of the Attorney General's regulations implement subtitle A of Title II of the ADA, which is applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA. *See* 28 CFR §35.101; *see also* 28 CFR, pt. 35, App. A at 456–57 (section-by-section analysis). Thus, these regulations have been included in the Board's proposed regulations. *Compare* 141 Cong. Rec. S17603, S17604 (daily ed. Nov. 28, 1995) (recordkeeping requirements of the FLSA not included within the provisions applied by section 203 of the CAA cannot be the subject of Board rulemaking), 142 Cong. Rec. S221, S222 (daily ed. Jan. 22, 1996) (Notice of Adoption of Regulations Implementing Section 203) (same), and 141 Cong. Rec. S17628 (same rationale regarding recordkeeping requirements of the Family and Medical Leave Act) *with* 141 Cong. Rec. at 17657 (daily ed. Jan. 22, 1996) (recordkeeping requirements included within portion of Employee Polygraph Protection Act applied by section 204 of the CAA must be included within the proposed rules).

The Board also retains the 50 employee cut-off for imposing self-evaluation recordkeeping and grievance requirements on covered entities. Given that state and local government entities covered by Title II of the ADA have agencies of comparable size to entities within the Legislative Branch, the Board at present sees no reason to impose a different threshold for such obligations. Therefore, these provisions will be adopted as written, unless comments establish that there is ''good cause'' for modification.

b. *Retaliation or coercion (section 35.134).*—Section 35.134 of the Attorney General's regulations implements section 503 of the ADA, which prohibits retaliation against any individual who exercises his or her rights under the ADA. 28 CFR pt. 35, App. A at 464 (section-by-section analysis). Section 35.134 is not a provision which implements a right or protection applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA and, therefore, it will not be included within the adopted regulations.

c. *Employment discrimination provisions (section 35.140).*—Section 35.140 of the Attorney General's regulations prohibits employment discrimination by covered public entities. Section 35.140 implements Title II of the ADA, which has been interpreted to apply to all activities of a public entity, including employment. *See* 56 Fed. Reg. at 35707 (preamble to final rule regarding Part 35). However, section 210(c) of the CAA states that, ''with respect to any claim of employment discrimination asserted by any covered employee, the exclusive remedy shall be under section 201 of [the CAA].'' 2 U.S.C. §1331(c). The Board proposes to adopt the employment discrimination provisions of section 35.140 as part of its regulations under section 210(e), and also to add a statement that, pursuant to section 210(c) of the CAA, section 201 of the CAA provides the exclusive remedy for any such employment discrimination. In the Board's judgment, making such a change satisfies the CAA's ''good cause'' requirement.

d. *Effective dates*.—In several portions of Part 35 of the Attorney General's regulations, references are made to dates such as the effective date of the Part 35 regulations or effective dates derived from the statutory provisions of the ADA. *See, e.g.*, 28 CFR §§35.150(c), (d), and 35.151(a); *see also* 56 Fed. Reg. at 35710 (preamble to final rule regarding Part 35). The Board proposes to substitute dates which correspond to analogous periods for the purposes of the CAA. In this way covered entities under section 210 may have the same time to come into compliance relative to the effective date of section 210 of the CAA afforded public entities subject to Title II of the ADA. In the Board's judgment, such changes satisfy the CAA's ''good cause'' requirement.

e. *Compliance procedures*.—Subpart F of the Attorney General's regulations (sections 35.170 through 35.189) set forth administrative enforcement procedures under Title II.

Subpart F implements the provisions of section 203 of the ADA, which is applied to covered entities under section 210 of the CAA. Although procedural in nature, such provisions address the remedies, procedures, and rights under section 203 of the ADA, and thus the otherwise applicable provisions of these regulations are ''substantive regulations'' for section 210(e) purposes. *See* 142 Cong. Rec. at S5071–72 (similar analysis under section 220(d) of the CAA). However, since section 303 reserves to the Executive Director the authority to promulgate regulations that ''govern the procedures of the Office,'' and since the Board believes that the benefit of having one set of procedural rules provides the ''good cause'' for modifying the Attorney General's regulations, the Board proposes to incorporate the provisions of Subpart F into the Office's procedural rules, to omit provisions that set forth procedures which conflict with express provisions of section 210 of the CAA or are already provided for under comparable provisions of the Office s rules, and to omit rules with no applicability to the Legislative Branch (such as provisions covering entities subject to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, provisions regarding State immunity, and provisions regarding referral of complaints to the Justice Department). *See* 142 Cong. Rec. at S5071–72 (similar analysis and conclusion under section 220(d) of the CAA).

f. *Designated agencies (Subpart G).*—Subpart G of the Attorney General's regulations designates the Federal agencies responsible for investigating complaints under Title II of the ADA. Given the structure of the CAA, such provisions are not applicable to covered Legislative Branch entities and, therefore, will not be adopted under section 210(e).

g. *Appendix to Part 35.*—The Board proposes not to adopt Appendix A to Part 35, the section-by-section analysis of Part 35. Since the Board has only adopted portions of the Attorney General's Part 35 regulations and modified several provisions to conform to the CAA, it does not appear appropriate to include Appendix A. However, the Board notes that the section-by-section analysis may have some relevance to interpreting sections of Part 35 which the Board has adopted without change.

4. *Specific issues regarding the Attorney General's title III regulations (part 36, 28 CFR).*

a. *''Ownership'' or ''leasing'' of places of public accommodation, landlord and tenant obligations (sections 36.104 and 36.201(b)).*—In section 36.104 of the Attorney General's regulations (Definitions), the term ''public accommodations'' is defined as ''a private entity that owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of public accommodation.'' Section 36.201(b) delineates the respective obligations of landlords and tenants under the ADA. It provides that the landlord that owns the building that houses the place of public accommodation, as well as the tenant that owns or operates the place of public accommodation, are public accommodations that have obligations under the regulations. Section 36.201(b) further provides that, as between the parties, allocation of responsibility for compliance may be determined by lease or other contract. *See* 36 CFR, pt. 36, App. B at 593–94 (section-by-section analysis).

On its face, these provisions do not apply to facilities within the Legislative Branch. For example, covered entities do not ''own'' the buildings or facilities housing a place of public accommodation in the way that private entities do. Similarly, the Board is unaware of any situations in which an otherwise covered entity within the Legislative Branch may ''lease'' its facilities to another Legislative Branch entity. The only lease agreements of which the Board is aware would be between otherwise covered entities and persons or entities over which the CAA has no jurisdiction. For example, the General Services Administration or a private building owner may lease space to Congressional offices, but neither entity would fall within the CAA's definition of a covered entity.

Although the concepts of ''ownership'' or ''leasing'' do not appear to apply to facilities within the Legislative Branch, the Architect of the Capitol does have statutory superintendence responsibility for certain legislative branch buildings and facilities, including the Capitol Building, which includes duties and responsibilities analogous to those of a ''landlord''. *See* 40 U.S.C. §§ 163–166 (Capitol Building), 167–175 and 185a (House and Senate office buildings), 193a (Capitol grounds), and 216b (Botanical Garden). As noted in section B.2 of this Notice, *infra,* the concept of ''superintendence'' may be relevant to determining whether an entity ''operates'' a place of public accommodation within the meaning of section 210(b). Although the provisions of section 36.201(b) of the Attorney General's regulations are not directly applicable, the Board believes that, where two or more entities may have compliance obligations under section 210(b) as ''responsible entities'' under the proposed regulations, those entities should have the ability to allocate responsibility by agreement similar to the case of landlords and tenants with respect to public accommodations under Title III of the ADA. Thus, the proposed regulations adopt such provisions modeled after section 36.201(b) of the Attorney General's regulations. However, by promulgating this provision, the Board does not intend any substantive change in the statutory responsibility of entities under section 210(b) or the applicable substantive rights and protections of the ADA applied thereunder. *See* 142 Cong. Rec. at S270 (final rule under section 205 of the CAA substitutes the term ''privatization'' for ''sale of business'' in the Secretary of Labor's regulations under the Worker Adjustment Retraining and Notification Act).

b. *Effective dates.*—Section 36.401(a) of the Attorney General's regulations provides generally that all facilities designed and constructed for first occupancy later than January 26, 1993 (30 months after the date of enactment of the ADA) must be readily accessible to and usable by individual with disabilities. Section 36.401 implements section 303 of the ADA, which is applied to covered facilities under section 210(b) of the CAA. Section 303 provides the compliance date regarding new construction is 30 months after the date of enactment. Consistent with its resolution of a similar issue with respect to adoption of the Attorney General's Title II regulations, the Board proposes to substitute a date 30 months after the date of enactment of section 210 of the CAA (*i.e.,* July 23, 1997) in the places that it appears in section 36.401(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(2)(i), and (a)(2)(ii). In the Board's judgment, making such changes satisfies the CAA's ''good cause'' requirement. Similarly, the Board will substitute the effective date of section 210 of the CAA (January 1, 1997) for the effective date of Titles II and III of the ADA (July 26, 1992) wherever it appears in sections 36.151, 36.401, 36.402, and 36.403 to give covered entities the equivalent time benefits under the CAA that public and private entities enjoyed prior to the effective date of their obligations under the ADA. *See* 56 Fed. Reg. 7452, 7472 (Feb. 22, 1991) (preamble to NPRM regarding Part 36), and section 3.d. of this Notice (similar resolution of issue under Part 35 regulations). Other dates contained in these regulations are derived from the statutory provisions of the ADA. The Board has determined there is ''good cause'' to substitute dates that correspond to analogous periods for the purposes of the CAA.

c. *Retaliation or coercion (section 36.206).*—Section 36.206 of the Attorney General's regulations implements section 503 of the ADA, which prohibits retaliation against any individual who exercises his or her rights under the ADA. 56 Fed. Reg. at 7462–63 (preamble to NPRM regarding Part 36); 28 CFR pt. 36, App. B at 598 (section-by-section analysis). Section 36.206 is not a provision which implements a right or protection applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA and therefore will not be included within the adopted regulations. The Board notes, however, that section 207 of the CAA provides a comprehensive retaliation protection for employees (including applicants and former employees) who may invoke their rights under section 210, although section 207 does not apply to nonemployees who may enjoy rights and protections against discrimination under section 210.

d. *Places of public accommodations in private residences (section 36.207).*—Section 36.207 of the Attorney General's regulations deals with the situation where all or part of a home may be used to house a place of public accommodation. *See* 28 CFR pt. 36, App. B at 599 (section-by-section analysis). The Board takes notice that some Members of the Congress may use all or part of their own residences as a District or State office in which they may receive constituents, conduct meetings, and other activities which may result in the area being deemed a place of public accommodation within the meaning of section 210 of the CAA. Therefore, the Board proposes adoption of this provision.

e. *Insurance provisions (section 36.212).*—Section 36.212 of the Attorney General's regulations restates section 501(c) of the ADA, which provides that the ADA shall not be construed to restrict certain insurance practices on the part of insurance companies and employers, so long as such practices are not used to evade the purposes of the ADA. *See* 56 Fed. Reg. at 7464-65 (preamble to NPRM regarding Part 36); 28 CFR pt. 36, App. B at 603 (section-by-section analysis). As a limitation on the scope of the rights and protections of Title III of the ADA, these provisions may be applied under the CAA. *See* section 225(f) of the CAA, 2 U.S.C. §1361(f). Although section 36.212 appears intended primarily to cover insurance companies, some of the terms of its provisions may be broad enough to have applicability to covered entities. Accordingly, the Board proposes to adopt, with appropriate modifications, section 36.212.

f. *Enforcement Procedures (Subpart E).*—Subpart E of the Attorney General's regulations (sections 36.501 through 36.599) set forth the enforcement procedures under Title III of the ADA. As the Justice Department noted in its NPRM regarding subpart E, the Department of Justice does not have the authority to establish procedures for judicial review and enforcement and, therefore, ''Subpart E generally restates the statutory procedures for enforcement''. 28 CFR pt. 36, App. B at 638 (section-by-section analysis). Additionally, the regulations derive from the provisions of section 308 of the ADA, which is not applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA. Thus, the regulations in subpart E are not promulgated by the Attorney General as substantive regulations to implement the statutory provisions of the ADA referred to in section 210(b), within the meaning of section 210(e).

g. *Certification of State Laws or Local Building Codes (subpart F).*—Subpart F of the Attorney General's regulations establishes procedures to implement section 308(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the ADA regarding compliance with State laws or building codes as evidence of compliance with accessibility standards under the

ADA. 28 CFR pt. 36, App. B at 640 (section-by-section analysis). Section 308 is not one of the laws applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA and, therefore, these regulations will not be adopted under section 210(e).

h. *Appendices to Part 36.*—Part 36 of the Attorney General's regulations includes two appendices, only one of which the Board proposes to adopt as part of these regulations. The Board proposes to adopt as an appendix to these regulations Appendix A (ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities (''ADAAG'')), which provides guidance regarding the design, construction, and alteration of buildings and facilities covered by Titles II and III of the ADA. 28 CFR pt. 36, App. A. The Board also proposes to adopt as Appendix B to these regulations the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) (Appendix A to 41 CFR pt. 101–19.6). Such guidelines, where not inconsistent with express provisions of the CAA or of the regulations adopted by the Board, may be relied upon by covered entities and others in proceedings under section 210 of the CAA to the same extent as similarly situated persons may rely upon them in actions brought under Title III of the ADA. *See* 142 Cong. Rec. at S222 and 141 Cong. Rec. at S17606 (similar resolution regarding Secretary of Labor's interpretative bulletins under the Fair Labor Standards Act for section 203 purposes). Covered entities may also use the Attorney General's ADA Technical Assistance Manual and other similar publications for guidance regarding their obligations under regulations adopted by the Board without change.

The Board proposes not to adopt Appendix B, the section-by-section analysis of Part 36. Since the Board has only adopted portions of the Attorney General's Part 36 regulations and modified several provisions to conform to the CAA, it does not appear appropriate to include Appendix B. However, the Board notes that the section-by-section analysis may have some relevance to interpreting the sections of Part 36 that the Board has adopted without change.

5. *Specific issues regarding the Secretary of Transportation's title II and title III regulations (parts 37 and 38, 49 CFR).*

a. *Definitions (section 37.3).*—As noted above, the Board will make technical and nomenclature changes to the included regulations to adapt them to the CAA. In addition, certain definitions in section 37.3 of the Secretary's regulations relate strictly to implementation of Part II of Title II of the ADA (sections 241 through 246), dealing with public transportation by intercity and commuter rail. Sections 241 through 246 of the ADA were not within the rights and protections applied to covered entities under section 210(b) and, therefore, the regulations implementing such sections are not substantive regulations of the Secretary required to be adopted by the Board within the meaning of section 210(e). Accordingly, the Board will exclude from its regulations the definitions of terms such as ''commerce,'' ''commuter authority,'' ''commuter rail car,'' ''commuter rail transportation,'' ''intercity rail passenger car,'' and ''intercity rail transportation,'' which relate to sections 241 through 246 of the ADA.

b. *Nondiscrimination (section 37.5).*—Subsection (f) of section 37.5 of the Secretary's regulations relates to private entities primarily engaged in the business of transporting people and whose operations affect commerce. This subsection implements section 304 of the ADA, which is not a right or protection applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA. *See* 56 Fed. Reg. 13856, 13858 (April 4, 1991) (preamble to NPRM regarding Part 37). Therefore, it is not a regulation of the Secretary included within the scope of rulemaking under section 210(e) of the CAA and will not be included in these regulations.

c. *References to the Administrator.*—In several provisions of the Secretary's regulations which the Board will include as substantive regulations, reference is made to the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (''Administrator'' or ''FTA''). Several regulations provide that entities may make requests to the Administrator for waivers or other relief from the accessibility requirements of the regulations. *See, e.g.*, section 37.7(b) (determination of equivalent facilitation), 37.71 (waiver of accessibility requirements for new buses), 37.135 (submission of paratransit plans), and 37.153 (FTA waiver determinations).

These provisions will be invoked rarely, if at all. Nevertheless, the Board proposes to adopt these provisions and has determined that there is ''good cause'' to substitute the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance for the Administrator of the FTA. There is some concern that authorizing the FTA, an executive branch agency, to relieve covered entities from the accessibility requirements of section 210 may be tantamount to executive enforcement of section 210. *See* section 225(f)(3) (''This Act shall not be construed to authorize enforcement by the executive branch of this Act.''). In this context, the General Counsel, as the officer responsible for investigating and prosecuting complaints under section 210, *see* section 210(d) and (f) of the CAA, is the appropriate analogue for the Administrator. Moreover, if such a waiver request is made by covered entities which requires FTA expertise, such assistance may be obtained by the Executive Director through the use of detailees or consultants. *See* CAA sections 210(f)(4) and 302(e) and (f).

d. *State Administering Agencies.*— Several portions of the Secretary's regulations refer to obligations of entities regulated by state agencies administering federal transportation funds. *See, e.g.*, sections 37.77(d) (requires filing of equivalent service certificates with state administering agency), 37.135(f) (submission of paratransit development plan to state administering agency) and 37.145 (State comments on paratransit plans). Any references to obligations not imposed on covered entities, such as state law requirements and laws regulating entities that receive Federal financial assistance, will be excluded from these proposed regulations.

e. *Dates (sections 37.9, 37.71 through 37.87, 37.91, and 37.151).*—There are several references in the Secretary's regulations to dates from which duties commence and by which certain action should be taken. *See* sections 37.9, 37.13, 37.41, 37.43, 37.47, 37.71 through 37.87, 37.91, and 37.151. The dates set forth in the regulations are derived from the statutory provisions of the ADA. *See, e.g.*, 49 CFR, pt. 37, App. D at 497, 501-02 (section-by-section analysis). The Board has determined that there is ''good cause'' to substitute dates which correspond to analogous periods for purposes of the CAA.

f. *Administrative Enforcement (section 37.11).*—Section 37.11 of the Secretary's regulations does not implement any provision of the ADA applied to covered entities under section 210 of the CAA. Moreover, the enforcement procedures of section 210 are explicitly provided for in section 210(d) (''Available Procedures''). Accordingly, this section will not be included within the Board's proposed regulations. The subject matter of enforcement procedures will be addressed, if necessary, under the Office's procedural rules.

g. *Applicability and Transportation Facilities (subparts B and C).*—Certain sections of Subparts B (Applicability) and C (Transportation Facilities) of the Secretary's regulations were promulgated to implement sections 242 and 304 of the ADA, provisions that are not applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA or are otherwise inapplicable to Legislative Branch entities. Therefore, the Board will exclude the following sections from its substantive regulations on that basis: 37.21(a)(2) and (b) (relating to private entities under section 304 of the ADA and private entities receiving Federal assistance from the Transportation Department), 37.25 (university transportation systems), 37.29 (private taxi services), 37.33 (airport transportation systems), 37.37(a) and 37.37(e)-(g) (relating to coverage of private entities and other entities under section 304 of the ADA), and 37.49–37.57 (relating to intercity and commuter rail systems). Similarly, the Board proposes modifying sections 37.21(c), 37.37(d), and 37.37(h) and other sections where references are made to requirements or circumstances strictly encompassed by the provisions of section 304 of the ADA and, therefore, not applicable to covered entities under the CAA. *See, e.g.*, sections 37.25–37.27 (transportation for elementary and secondary education systems).

h. *Acquisition of Accessible Vehicles by Public Entities (Subpart D).*—Subpart D (sections 37.71 through 37.95) of the Secretary's regulations relate to acquisition of accessible vehicles by public entities. Certain sections of subpart D were promulgated to implement sections 242 and 304 of the ADA, which were not applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA, or are otherwise inapplicable to Legislative Branch entities. Therefore, the Board will exclude the following sections from its substantive regulations on that basis: 37.87–37.91 and 37.93(b) (relating to intercity and commuter rail service).

i. *Acquisition of Accessible Vehicles by Private Entities (Subpart E).*—Subpart E (sections 37.101 through 37.109) of the Secretary's regulations relates to acquisition of accessible vehicles by private entities. Section 37.101, relating to acquisition of vehicles by private entities not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people, implements section 302 of the ADA, which is applied to covered entities under section 210(b). Therefore, the Board will adopt section 37.101 as part of its section 210(e) regulations. Sections 37.103, 37.107, and 37.109 of the regulations implement section 304 of the ADA, which is inapplicable to covered entities under the ADA. Therefore, the Board proposes not to include them within its substantive regulations under section 210(e) of the CAA.

j. *Appendices to Part 37.*—Part 37 of the Secretary's regulations includes several appendices, only one of which the Board proposes to adopt as part of these regulations. The Board proposes to adopt as an appendix to these regulations Appendix A (Standards for Accessible Transportation Facilities, ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities), which provides guidance regarding the design, construction, and alteration of buildings and facilities covered by Titles II and III of the ADA. 49 CFR pt. 37, App. A. Such guidelines, where not inconsistent with express provisions of the CAA or of the regulations adopted by the Board, may be relied upon by covered entities and other in proceedings under section 210 of the CAA to the same extent as similarly situated persons may rely upon them in actions brought under Title II and Title III of the ADA. *See* 142 Cong. Rec. at S222 and 141 Cong. Rec. at S17606 (similar resolution regarding Secretary of Labor's interpretative bulletins under the Fair Labor Standards Act for section 203 purposes).

The Board proposes not to adopt Appendix B, which gives the addresses of FTA regional offices. Such information is not relevant to

covered entities under the CAA. The Board also proposes to adopt portions of Appendix C, which contain forms for certification of equivalent service. The Board will delete reference to the requirement that public entities receiving financial assistance under the Federal Transit Act submit the certification to their state program office before procuring any inaccessible vehicle. This certification form appears to be irrelevant to entities covered by the CAA and therefore will not be adopted by the Board.

Finally, the Board does not adopt Appendix D to Part 37, the section-by-section analysis of Part 37. Since the Board has only adopted portions of the Secretary's Part 37 regulations and has modified several provisions to conform to the CAA, it does not appear appropriate to include Appendix D. However, the Board notes that the section-by-section analysis may have some relevance in interpreting the sections of Part 37 that the Board has adopted without change.

k. *ADA Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles (Part 38).*—Part 38 of the Secretary's regulations contains accessibility standards for all types of transportation vehicles. Part 38 is divided into vehicle types: Subpart B, Buses, Vans, and Systems; Subpart C, Rapid Rail Vehicles and Systems; Subpart D, Light Rail Vehicles and Systems; Subpart E, Commuter Rail Cars and Systems; Subpart F, Intercity Rail Cars and Systems; Subpart G, Over-the-Road Buses and Systems; and Subpart H, Other Vehicles and Systems. Section 38.2 contains the concept of equivalent facilitation, under which an entity is permitted to request approval for an alternative method of compliance. As noted in section 5.c. of this Notice, the Board proposes that such determinations be made by the General Counsel rather than the Administrator.

The Board proposes to adopt, with minimal technical and nomenclature changes, the regulations contained in Part 38 and accompanying appendix, with the exception of the following subparts which the Board has determined implement portions of the ADA not applied to covered entities under section 210(b) of the CAA and/or the Board believe have no conceivable applicability to legislative branch operations: Subpart E, Commuter Rail Cars and Systems; and Subpart F, Intercity Rail Cars and Systems.

B. Proposed regulations

1. *General Provisions.*—The proposed regulations include a section on matters of general applicability including the purpose and scope of the regulations, definitions, coverage, and the administrative authority of the Board and the Office of Compliance.

2. *Method for Identifying Responsible Entities and Establishing Categories of Violations.*—Section 210(e)(3) of the CAA directs the Board to include in its regulations a method for identifying, for purposes of section 210 and for different categories of violations of subsection (b), the entity responsible for correction of a particular violation. In developing these proposed rules, the Board considered the final Report of the General Counsel, which applied the public services and accommodations standards of section 210 to covered entities during his initial inspections under section 210(f). *See* Disability Access Report.

In developing a method for identifying the entity responsible for a correction of a violation of section 210, the Board must consider the terms of section 210 of the CAA and the precise nature of the obligations imposed on covered entities under Titles II and III of the ADA under section 210(b). The Board cannot promulgate regulations which purport to expand or limit these obligations contrary to the language of the statute or the intent of Congress. *See, e.g., White v. I.N.S.*, 75 F.3d 213, 215 (5th Cir. 1996) (agency cannot promulgate even substantive rules that are contrary to statute; if intent of Congress is clear, agency must give effect to that unambiguously expressed intent); *Conlan v. U.S. Dep't of Labor*, 76 F.3d 271, 274 (9th Cir. 1996). As set forth below, the Board has developed a method for identifying the entity responsible for correction of a violation of section 210(b) which includes providing definitions for terms such as ''operate a place of public accommodation,'' and ''public entity'' for the purpose of section 210.

Section 210(b) applies the rights and protections of two separate and independent provisions of the ADA to covered entities:

The rights and protections of Title II of the ADA (sections 201 through 230) applied by section 210(b) of the CAA deals with ''public entities.'' It prohibits discrimination against any qualified individual with a disability by any ''public entity'' regarding all public activities, programs, and services of that entity. Title II imposes an obligation on public entities to make ''reasonable modifications to rules, policies, or practices,'' to achieve ''the removal of architectural, communication, or transportation barriers,'' and to ensure ''provision of auxiliary aids and services.'' Title II also includes provisions regarding accessibility of public transportation systems.

The rights and protections of Title III of the ADA applied by section 210(b) of the CAA (sections 302, 303, and 309) deals with ''public accommodations.'' It prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of ''any place of public accommodation.'' Specifically, such discrimination includes: (1) discriminatory eligibility criteria; (2) failure to make reasonable modifications; (3) failure to provide auxiliary aids and services; (4) failure to remove architectural barriers and communication barriers that are structural in nature where removal of such barriers are ''readily achievable''; and (5) failure to make goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations available through alternative methods where removal of barriers is not readily achievable. In contrast to Title II, Title III defines a ''place of public accommodation'' as ''private entities'' (which excludes ''public entities'' covered under Title II) falling within twelve specified categories of activities. Title III also contains requirements regarding specified transportation services.

As set forth in the ADA, Title II and Title III were designed to impose separate legal obligations (which are expressed in slightly different terms) on two separate and independent classes of actors: ''public entities'' (which have Title II obligations) and private entities that are 'places of public accommodation'' (which have Title III obligations). Under the ADA, a public entity, by definition, can never be subjected to Title III of the ADA, which covers only private entities. Conversely, private entities cannot be covered by Title II. *See, e.g.*, 28 CFR, pt. 36, App. B at 587 (section-by-section analysis of Part 36) (''Facilities operated by government agencies or other public entities as defined in this section do not qualify as places of public accommodation. The action of public entities are governed by title II of the ADA''); ADA Title III Technical Assistance Manual at p. 7 (1993).

In section 210(b) of the CAA, Congress applied the rights and protections of all of Title II and parts of Title III to specified Legislative Branch entities without making either Title's coverage mutually exclusive. Thus, in contrast to the ADA, under the CAA, a single entity could conceivably have obligations under both Title II and Title III, if it meets the criteria for coverage under both Titles.

The method developed by the Board in these regulations to identify the entity responsible for correcting a violation of section 210(b) is set forth in section 1.105 of the proposed regulations. Section 1.105 is based on the Board's interpretation of the statutory coverage for Legislative Branch entities under Title II and Title III, as applied by section 210(b).

Under the proposed rule, the entity responsible for correcting a violation of the obligations under Title II of the ADA with respect to the provision of public services, programs, or activities, as applied by section 210(b) is the entity that, with respect to the particular violation, is a covered ''public entity'' within the meaning of section 210(b) that provided the particular public service, program, or activity that forms the basis of the violation. Similarly, the entity responsible for correcting a violation of the obligations under Title III of the ADA, as applied by section 210(b) is the entity that, with respect to the particular violation, operates the ''place of public accommodation'' within the meaning of section 210(b) that forms the basis of the violation. Thus, the regulations distinguish responsible entities for Title II and Title III purposes as follows:

1. *The rights and protections of Title II (sections 201 through 203 of the ADA):* For the purpose of the rights and protections against discrimination under Title II of the ADA, the entity responsible for a violation would be any entity listed in subsection (a) of section 210 of the CAA that is a ''public entity'' as defined by section 210(b)(2) of the CAA and that provided the public service, program, or activity that formed the basis for the particular violation of Title II set forth in the charge filed with the General Counsel or the complaint filed by the General Counsel with the Office under section 210(d) of the CAA. Conversely, if the entity is not a ''public entity'' (that is, the entity provides no public services, programs, or activities) or did not provide the public service, program, or activity that formed the basis for the particular violation of Title II, the entity is not an ''entity responsible for correction of the violation'' within the meaning of these regulations.

2. *The rights and protections of Title III (sections 302, 303, and 309 of the ADA):* For the purpose of the rights and protections against discrimination under Title III of the ADA, the entity responsible for a violation would be any entity listed in subsection (a) of section 210 of the CAA that ''operates a place of public accommodation'' (as defined in these regulations) that forms in whole or in part the basis for the particular violation of Title III.

a. ''Place of public accommodation.'' As used in these regulations, the term ''place of public accommodation'' follows the definition of section 301(7) of the ADA, with appropriate modification to delete the phrase ''private'' and the requirement that the activities affect commerce. These modifications conform the definition to the CAA. *See* section 225(f) of the CAA, 2 U.S.C. §1361(f).

b. ''Operate (a place of public accommodation).'' As applied by section 210(b) of the CAA, section 302(a) of the ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by any ''[Legislative Branch entity that] owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of public accommodation.'' On its face, the terms ''owns, leases (or leases to)'' do not apply to entities within the Legislative Branch. For example, the Board is not aware of any individual covered entity that owns the buildings or facilities housing a place of

public accommodation in the way that private entities do. Similarly, the Board is unaware of any situations in which an otherwise covered entity within the Legislative Branch may ''lease'' its facilities to another Legislative Branch entity. The only lease agreements of which the Board is aware would be between otherwise covered entities and persons or entities over which the CAA has no jurisdiction. For example, the General Services Administration or a private building owner may lease space to Congressional offices, but neither entity would fall within the CAA's definition of covered entity. Thus, the only issue in any case under Title III of the ADA as applied under section 210 would be whether a Legislative Branch entity ''operates'' a place of public accommodation within the meaning of the ADA.

The ADA does not define the term ''operate.'' Thus, the Board ''construe[s] it in accord with its ordinary and natural meaning.'' *Smith v. United States*, 113 S.Ct. 2050, 2054 (1993); *White v. I.N.S.*, 75 F.3d 213, 215 (5th Cir. 1996), *quoting Pioneer Investment Servs. v. Brunswick Assocs.*, 113 S.Ct. 1489, 1495 (1993) (''Congress intends the words in its enactments to carry their ordinary, contemporary, common meaning.'').

To ''operate,'' in the context of a business operation, means ''to put or keep in operation,'' The Random House College Dictionary 931 (Rev. ed. 1980), ''[t]o control or direct the functioning of,'' Webster's II: New Riverside Dictionary 823 (1988), ''[t]o conduct the affairs of; manage,'' The American Heritage Dictionary 1268 (3d ed. 1992). *Neff v. American Dairy Queen Corp.*, 58 F.3d 1063, 1066 (5th Cir. 1995), *cert. denied* 116 S.Ct. 704 (1996). *See also* Webster's New Universal Unabridged Dictionary 1253 (2d ed. 1983) (''to superintend; to manage; to direct the affairs of; as, to *operate* a mine.'').

In Neff v. American Dairy Queen Corp., supra, the Fifth Circuit considered the meaning of the term ''operate'' in the ADA in the context of franchise store operations. The plaintiff sued American Dairy Queen (''ADQ'') under Title III of the ADA, arguing that the franchise agreement between ADQ and its franchisee (R & S Dairy Queens), in which ADQ retained the right to set standards for buildings and equipment maintenance and the right to ''veto'' proposed structural changes, made it an ''operator'' of the franchisees' stores within the meaning of section 302. The Fifth Circuit rejected this argument:

''Instead, the relevant question in this case is whether ADQ, according to the terms of the franchise agreements with R & S Dairy Queens, controls modification of the

San Antonio Stores to cause them to comply with the ADA. * * *

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''In sum, while the terms of the [agreement] demonstrate that ADQ retains the right to set standards for building and equipment maintenance and to ''veto'' proposed structural changes, we hold that this supervisory authority, without more, is insufficient to support a holding that ADQ ''operates,'' in the ordinary and natural meaning of that term, the [franchisee store].'' 58 F.3d at 1068. The Board finds the reasoning of the *Neff* court persuasive and adopts its application of the term ''operate'' for Title III purposes in these regulations.

Specifically, for the purposes of determining responsibility under Title III, an entity ''operates'' a place of public accommodation if it superintends, directly controls, or directs the functioning of or manages the specific aspects of the public accommodation that constitute an architectural barrier or a communication barrier that is structural in nature or that otherwise forms the basis for a violation of section 302 of the ADA, as applied by section 210(b) of the CAA. In addition, an entity ''operates'' a place of public accommodation if it assigns such superintendence, control, direction, or management to another entity or person by means of contract or other arrangement. An entity, whether or not a covered entity under these regulations, which contracts with a covered entity stands in the shoes of the covered entity for purposes of determining the application of Title III requirements. Thus, the definition of ''operate'' in these regulations ''includes operation of the place of public accommodation by a person under a contractual or other arrangement or relationship with a covered entity.''

In the absence of such a provision, it is possible that a covered entity, instead of directly controlling the inaccessible features of places of public accommodation, could contract with a private entity, which would then manage the accommodation in such a way as to maintain its inaccessible features. Allowing such self-insulation from liability would clearly conflict with the principles of the ADA as applied by section 210(b) of the CAA. The proposed definition is intended to prevent an otherwise covered entity from ''contracting out'' of its Title III obligations. Where the entity exercises no authority with respect to the modification of the specific aspects of the facilities, programs, activities, or other features of the place of public accommodation that make them inaccessible within the meaning of section 302 of the CAA, the proposed regulation states that the entity does not ''operate'' the place of public accommodation within the meaning of these regulations.

Where an entity merely maintains the general authority to set standards regarding a particular facility or condition at issue, and to ''veto'' proposed changes in the facility or condition, this oversight or supervisory authority, without more, is insufficient to support a finding that the entity ''operates'' the facility or condition within the meaning of these regulations. *See Neff*, 58 F.3d at 1068. Conversely, if the correction of a violation of section 210 of the CAA, including the modification of the facility or condition at issue, can only be accomplished with the active approval or permission of a particular entity, then that entity ''operates'' the facility or condition and is otherwise a responsible entity under this section of the regulations, but only to the extent that the entity withholds such approval or permission.

3. *Future changes in the text of regulations of the Attorney General and the Secretary which have been adopted by the Board.*—The Board proposes that the section 210 regulations adopt the text of the referenced portions of parts the regulations of the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation in effect as of the effective date of these regulations. The Board takes notice that the Attorney General and the Secretary have in recent years made frequent changes, both technical and nontechnical, to their Title II and Title III regulations and to the ADAAG standards incorporated by reference therein. The Board interprets the incorporation by reference in the text of the adopted Title II and Title III regulations of documents (such as the ADAAG standards at appendix A to Part 36) to include any future changes to such documents. As the Office receives notice of such changes by the Attorney General or the Secretary, it will advise covered entities and employees as part of its education and information activities. As to changes in the text of the adopted regulations themselves, however, the Board finds that, under the CAA statutory scheme, additional Board rulemaking under section 210(e) will be required. The Board believes that it should afford covered Legislative Branch entities and employees potentially affected by adoption of such changes the opportunity to comment on the propriety of Board adoption of any such changes, and that the Congress should have the opportunity to specifically approve such adoption by the Board. The Board specifically invites comments on this proposal.

4. *Technical and nomenclature changes.*—The proposed regulations make technical and nomenclature changes, where appropriate, to conform to the provisions of the CAA.

Recommended method of approval: The Board recommends that (1) the version of the proposed regulations that shall apply to the Senate and entities and facilities of the Senate be approved by the Senate by resolution; (2) the version of the proposed regulations that shall apply to the House of Representatives and entities and facilities of the House of Representatives be approved by the House of Representatives by resolution; and (3) the version of the proposed regulations that shall apply to other covered entities and facilities be approved by the Congress by concurrent resolution. Signed at Washington, D.C., on this 18th day of September, 1996.

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Chair of the Board, Office of Compliance.

APPLICATION OF RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS (SECTION 210 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995)

Part 1—Matters of General Applicability to All Regulations Promulgated Under Section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995

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§1.101 Purpose and scope.

(a) *Section 210 of the CAA.* Enacted into law on January 23, 1995, the Congressional Accountability Act (''CAA'') directly applies the rights and protections of eleven federal labor and employment law and public access statutes to covered employees and employing offices within the legislative branch. Section 210(b) of the CAA provides that the rights and protections against discrimination in the provision of public services and accommodations established by the provisions of Title II and III (sections 201 through 230, 302, 303, and 309) of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§12131–12150, 12182, 12183, and 12189 (''ADA'') shall apply to the following entities:

(1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee;

(2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee;

(3) each joint committee of the Congress;

(4) the Capitol Guide Service;

(5) the Capitol Police;

(6) the Congressional Budget Office;

(7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden);

(8) the Office of the Attending Physician and

(9) the Office of Compliance.

2 U.S.C. §1331(b). Title II of the ADA generally prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of public services, programs, activities by any ''public entity.'' Section 210(b)(2) of the CAA provides

that for the purpose of applying Title II of the ADA the term ''public entity'' means any entity listed above that provides public services, programs, or activities. Title III of the ADA generally prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public accommodations and requires places of public accommodation and commercial facilities to be designed, constructed, and altered in compliance with accessibility standards. Section 225(f) of the CAA provides that, ''[e]xcept where inconsistent with definitions and exemptions provided in this Act, the definitions and exemptions of the [ADA] shall apply under this Act.'' 2 U.S.C. §1361(f)(1).

Section 210(f) of the CAA requires that the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance on a regular basis, and at least once each Congress, conduct periodic inspections of all covered facilities and to report to Congress on compliance with disability access standards under section 210. 2 U.S.C. §1331(f).

(b) *Purpose and scope of regulations.* The regulations set forth herein (Parts 1, 35, 36, 37, and 38) are the substantive regulations that the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance has promulgated pursuant to section 210(e) of the CAA. Part 1 contains the general provisions applicable to all regulations under section 210, including the method of identifying entities responsible for correcting a violation of section 210. Part 35 contains the provisions regarding nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of public services, programs, or activities of covered entities. Part 36 contains the provisions regarding nondiscrimination on the basis of disability by public accommodations. Part 37 contains the provisions regarding transportation services for individuals with disabilities. Part 38 contains the provisions regarding accessibility specifications for transportation vehicles.

§1.102 Definitions.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in these regulations, as used in these regulations:

(a) *Act* or *CAA* means the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–1, 109 Stat. 3, 2 U.S.C. §§1301–1438).

(b) *ADA* means the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §§12131–12150, 12182, 12183, and 12189) as applied to covered entities by Section 210 of the CAA.

(c) The term *covered entity* includes any of the following entities that either provides public services, programs, or activities, and/or that operates a place of public accommodation within the meaning of section 210 of the CAA: (1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee; (2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee; (3) each joint committee of the Congress; (4) the Capitol Guide Service; (5) the Capitol Police; (6) the Congressional Budget Office; (7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden); (8) the Office of the Attending Physician; and (9) the Office of Compliance.

(d) *Board* means the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance.

(e) *Office* means the Office of Compliance.

(f) *General Counsel* means the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance.

§1.103 Notice of protection.

Pursuant to section 301(h) of the CAA, the Office shall prepare, in a manner suitable for posting, a notice explaining the provisions of section 210 of the CAA. Copies of such notice may be obtained from the Office of Compliance.

§1.104 Authority of the Board.

Pursuant to sections 210 and 304 of the CAA, the Board is authorized to issue regulations to implement the rights and protections against discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of public services and accommodations under the ADA. Section 210(e) of the CAA directs the Board to promulgate regulations implementing section 210 that are ''the same as substantive regulations promulgated by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (b) except to the extent that the Board may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section.'' 2 U.S.C. §1331(e). The regulations issued by the Board herein are on all matters for which section 210 of the CAA requires a regulation to be issued. Specifically, it is the Board's considered judgment, based on the information available to it at the time of promulgation of these regulations, that, with the exception of the regulations adopted and set forth herein, there are no other ''substantive regulations promulgated by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (b) [of section 210 of the CAA]'' that need be adopted.

In promulgating these regulations, the Board has made certain technical and nomenclature changes to the regulations as promulgated by the Attorney General and the Secretary. Such changes are intended to make the provisions adopted accord more naturally to situations in the Legislative Branch. However, by making these changes, the Board does not intend a substantive difference between these regulations and those of the Attorney General and/or the Secretary from which they are derived. Moreover, such changes, in and of themselves, are not intended to constitute an interpretation of the regulations or of the statutory provisions of the CAA upon which they are based.

§1.105 Method for identifying the entity responsible for correction of violations of section 210.

(a) *Purpose and scope.* Section 210(e)(3) of the CAA provides that regulations under section 210(e) include a method of identifying, for purposes of this section and for categories of violations of section 210(b), the entity responsible for correcting a particular violation. This section 1.105 sets forth the method for identifying responsible entities for the purpose of allocating responsibility for correcting violations of section 210(b).

(b) *Categories of violations.* Violations of the rights and protections established in section 210(b) of the CAA that may form the basis for a charge filed with the General Counsel under section 210(d)(1) of the CAA or for a complaint filed by the General Counsel under section 210(d)(3) of the CAA fall into one (or both) of two categories:

(i) *Title II violations.* A covered entity may violate section 210(b) if it discriminates against a qualified individual with a disability within the meaning of Title II of the ADA (sections 210 through 230), as applied to Legislative Branch entities under section 210(b) of the CAA.

(ii) *Title III violations.* A covered entity may also violate section 210(b) if it discriminates against a qualified individual with a disability within the meaning of Title III of the ADA (sections 302, 303, and 309), as applied to Legislative Branch entities under section 210(b) of the CAA.

(c) *Entity Responsible for Correcting a Violation of Title II Rights and Protections.* Correction of a violation of the rights and protections against discrimination under Title II of the ADA, as applied by section 210(b) of the CAA, is the responsibility of any entity listed in subsection (a) of section 210 of the CAA that is a ''public entity,'' as defined by section 210(b)(2) of the CAA, and that provides the specific public service, program, or activity that forms the basis for the particular violation of Title II rights and protections set forth in the charge of discrimination filed with the General Counsel under section 210(d)(1) of the CAA or the complaint filed by the General Counsel with the Office under section 210(d)(3) of the CAA. As used in this section, an entity provides a public service, program, or activity if it does so itself, or by a person or other entity (whether public or private and regardless of whether that entity is covered under the CAA) under a contractual or other arrangement or relationship with the entity.

(d) *Entity Responsible for Correction of Title III Rights and Protections.* Correction of a violation of the rights and protections against discrimination under Title III of the ADA, as applied by section 210(b) of the CAA, is the responsibility of any entity listed in subsection (a) of section 210 of the CAA that ''operates a place of public accommodation'' (as defined in this section) that forms the basis, in whole or in part, for the particular violation of Title III rights and protections set forth in the charge filed with the General Counsel under section 210(d)(1) of the CAA and/or the complaint filed by the General Counsel with the Office under section 210(d)(3) of the CAA.

(i) Definitions.

As used in this section:

Public accommodation has the meaning set forth in Part 36 of these regulations.

Operates, with respect to the operations of a place of public accommodation, includes the superintendence, control, management, or direction of the function of the aspects of the public accommodation that constitute an architectural barrier or communication barrier that is structural in nature, or that otherwise forms the basis for a violation of the rights and protections of Title III of the ADA as applied under section 210(b) of the CAA.

(ii) As used in this section, an entity operates a place of public accommodation if it does so itself, or by a person or other entity (whether public or private and regardless of whether that entity is covered under the CAA) under a contractual or other arrangement or relationship with the entity.

(e) *Allocation of Responsibility for Correction of Title II and/or Title III Violations.* Where more than one entity is deemed an entity responsible for correction of a violation of Title II and/or Title III rights and protections under the method set forth in this section, as between those parties, allocation of responsibility for complying with the obligations of Title II and/or Title III of the ADA as applied by section 210(b), and for correction of violations thereunder, may be determined by contract or other enforceable arrangement or relationship.

Part 35—Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Public Services, Programs, or Activities

Subpart A—General

Sec.

Subpart B—General Requirements

SUBPART A—GENERAL

§ 35.101 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to effectuate section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*) which, *inter alia*, applies the rights and protections of subtitle A of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131-12150), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities.

§ 35.102 Application.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, this part applies to all public services, programs, and activities provided or made available by public entities as defined by section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995.

(b) To the extent that public transportation services, programs, and activities of public entities are covered by subtitle B of title II of the ADA, as applied by section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act, they are not subject to the requirements of this part.

§ 35.103 Relationship to other laws.

(a) *Rule of interpretation.* Except as otherwise provided in this part, this part shall not be construed to apply a lesser standard than the standards applied under title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 791) or the regulations issued by Federal agencies pursuant to that title.

(b) *Other laws.* This part does not invalidate or limit the remedies, rights, and procedures of any other Federal laws otherwise applicable to covered entities that provide greater or equal protection for the rights of individuals with disabilities or individuals associated with them.

§ 35.104 Definitions.

For purposes of this part, the term—

Act or *CAA* means the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–1, 109 Stat. 3, 2 U.S.C. §§1301-1438).

ADA means the Americans with Disabilities Act (Pub. L. 101–336, 104 Stat. 327, 42 U.S.C. 12101–12213 and 47 U.S.C. 225 and 611), as applied to covered entities by section 210 of the CAA.

Auxiliary aids and services includes—

(1) Qualified interpreters, notetakers, transcription services, written materials, telephone handset amplifiers, assistive listening devices, assistive listening systems, telephones compatible with hearing aids, closed caption decoders, open and closed captioning, text telephones (TTY's), videotext displays, or other effective methods of making aurally delivered materials available to individuals with hearing impairments;

(2) Qualified readers, taped texts, audio recordings, Brailled materials, large print materials, or other effective methods of making visually delivered materials available to individuals with visual impairments;

(3) Acquisition or modification of equipment or devices; and

(4) Other similar services and actions.

Board means the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance.

Current illegal use of drugs means illegal use of drugs that occurred recently enough to justify a reasonable belief that a person's drug use is current or that continuing use is a real and ongoing problem.

Disability means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual; a record of such an impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment.

(1)(i) The phrase *physical or mental impairment* means—

(A) Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: Neurological, musculoskeletal, special sense organs, respiratory (including speech organs), cardiovascular, reproductive, digestive, genitourinary, hemic and lymphatic, skin, and endocrine;

(B) Any mental or psychological disorder such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities.

(ii) The phrase *physical or mental impairment* includes, but is not limited to, such contagious and noncontagious diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, mental retardation, emotional illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease (whether symptomatic or asymptomatic), tuberculosis, drug addiction, and alcoholism.

(iii) The phrase *physical or mental impairment* does not include homosexuality or bisexuality.

(2) The phrase *major life activities* means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

(3) The phrase *has a record of such an impairment* means has a history of, or has been misclassified as having, a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

(4) The phrase *is regarded as having an impairment means*—

(i) Has a physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities but that is treated by a public entity as constituting such a limitation;

(ii) Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such impairment; or

(iii) Has none of the impairments defined in paragraph (1) of this definition but is treated by a public entity as having such an impairment.

(5) The term *disability* does not include—

(i) Transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments, or other sexual behavior disorders;

(ii) Compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania; or

(iii) Psychoactive substance use disorders resulting from current illegal use of drugs.

Drug means a controlled substance, as defined in schedules I through V of section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812).

Facility means all or any portion of buildings, structures, sites, complexes, equipment, rolling stock or other conveyances, roads, walks, passageways, parking lots, or other real or personal property, including the site where the building, property, structure, or equipment is located.

General Counsel means the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance.

Historic preservation programs means programs conducted by a public entity that have preservation of historic properties as a primary purpose.

Historic properties means those properties that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or properties designated as historic under State or local law.

Illegal use of drugs means the use of one or more drugs, the possession or distribution of which is unlawful under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812). The term *illegal use of drugs* does not include the use of a drug taken under supervision by a licensed health care professional, or other uses authorized by the Controlled Substances Act or other provisions of Federal law.

Individual with a disability means a person who has a disability. The term *individual with a disability* does not include an individual who is currently engaging in the illegal use of drugs, when the public entity acts on the basis of such use.

Public entity means any of the following entities that provides public services, programs, or activities:

(1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee;

(2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee;

(3) each joint committee of the Congress;

(4) the Capitol Guide Service;

(5) the Capitol Police;

(6) the Congressional Budget Office;

(7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden);

(8) the Office of the Attending Physician; and

(9) the Office of Compliance.

Qualified individual with a disability means an individual with a disability who, with or without reasonable modifications to rules, policies, or practices, the removal of architectural, communication, or transportation barriers, or the provision of auxiliary aids and services, meets the essential eligibility requirements for the receipt of services or the participation in programs or activities provided by a public entity.

Qualified interpreter means an interpreter who is able to interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary.

Section 504 means section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112, 87 Stat. 394 (29 U.S.C. 794)), as amended.

§ 35.105 Self-evaluation.

(a) A public entity shall, within one year of the effective date of this part, evaluate its current services, policies, and practices, and the effects thereof, that do not or may not meet the requirements of this part and, to the extent modification of any such services, policies, and practices is required, the public entity shall proceed to make the necessary modifications.

(b) A public entity shall provide an opportunity to interested persons, including individuals with disabilities or organizations representing individuals with disabilities, to participate in the self-evaluation process by submitting comments.

(c) A public entity that employs 50 or more persons shall, for at least three years following completion of the self-evaluation, maintain on file and make available for public inspection:

(1) A list of the interested persons consulted;

(2) A description of areas examined and any problems identified; and

(3) A description of any modifications made.

§ 35.106 Notice.

A public entity shall make available to applicants, participants, beneficiaries, and other interested persons information regarding the provisions of this part and its applicability to the public services, programs, or activities of the public entity, and make such information available to them in such manner as the head of the entity finds necessary to apprise such persons of the protections against discrimination assured them by the CAA and this part.

§ 35.107 Designation of responsible employee and adoption of grievance procedures.

(a) *Designation of responsible employee.* A public entity that employs 50 or more persons shall designate at least one employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under this part, including any investigation of any complaint communicated to it alleging its noncompliance with this part or alleging any actions that would be prohibited by this part. The public entity shall make available to all interested individuals the name, office address, and telephone number of the employee or employees designated pursuant to this paragraph.

(b) *Complaint procedure.* A public entity that employs 50 or more persons shall adopt and publish grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action that would be prohibited by this part.

§§35.108—35.129 [Reserved]

SUBPART B—GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

§ 35.130 General prohibitions against discrimination.

(a) No qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the public services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any public entity.

(b)(1) A public entity, in providing any public aid, benefit, or service, may not, directly or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements, on the basis of disability—

(i) Deny a qualified individual with a disability the opportunity to participate in or benefit from the public aid, benefit, or service;

(ii) Afford a qualified individual with a disability an opportunity to participate in or benefit from the public aid, benefit, or service that is not equal to that afforded others;

(iii) Provide a qualified individual with a disability with a public aid, benefit, or service that is not as effective in affording equal opportunity to obtain the same result, to gain the same benefit, or to reach the same level of achievement as that provided to others;

(iv) Provide different or separate public aids, benefits, or services to individuals with disabilities or to any class of individuals with disabilities than is provided to others unless such action is necessary to provide qualified individuals with disabilities with public aids, benefits, or services that are as effective as those provided to others;

(v) Aid or perpetuate discrimination against a qualified individual with a disability by providing significant assistance to an agency, organization, or person that discriminates on the basis of disability in providing any public aid, benefit, or service to beneficiaries of the public entity's program;

(vi) Deny a qualified individual with a disability the opportunity to participate as a member of planning or advisory boards;

(vii) Otherwise limit a qualified individual with a disability in the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity enjoyed by others receiving the public aid, benefit, or service.

(2) A public entity may not deny a qualified individual with a disability the opportunity to participate in public services, programs, or activities that are not separate or different, despite the existence of permissibly separate or different programs or activities.

(3) A public entity may not, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, utilize criteria or methods of administration:

(i) That have the effect of subjecting qualified individuals with disabilities to discrimination on the basis of disability;

(ii) That have the purpose or effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the public entity's public program with respect to individuals with disabilities; or

(iii) That perpetuate the discrimination of another public entity if both public entities are subject to common administrative control.

(4) A public entity may not, in determining the site or location of a facility, make selections—

(i) That have the effect of excluding individuals with disabilities from, denying them the public benefits of, or otherwise subjecting them to discrimination; or

(ii) That have the purpose or effect of defeating or substantially impairing the accomplishment of the objectives of the public service, program, or activity with respect to individuals with disabilities.

(5) A public entity, in the selection of procurement contractors, may not use criteria that subject qualified individuals with disabilities to discrimination on the basis of disability.

(6) A public entity may not administer a licensing or certification program in a manner that subjects qualified individuals with disabilities to discrimination on the basis of disability, nor may a public entity establish requirements for the public programs or activities of licensees or certified entities that subject qualified individuals with disabilities to discrimination on the basis of disability. The public programs or activities of entities that are licensed or certified by a public entity are not, themselves, covered by this part.

(7) A public entity shall make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures when the modifications are necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability, unless the public entity can demonstrate that making the modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of the public service, program, or activity.

(8) A public entity shall not impose or apply eligibility criteria that screen out or tend to screen out an individual with a disability or any class of individuals with disabilities from fully and equally enjoying any public service, program, or activity, unless such criteria can be shown to be necessary for the provision of the public service, program, or activity being offered.

(c) Nothing in this part prohibits a public entity from providing public benefits, services, or advantages to individuals with disabilities, or to a particular class of individuals with disabilities beyond those required by this part.

(d) A public entity shall administer public services, programs, and activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualified individuals with disabilities.

(e)(1) Nothing in this part shall be construed to require an individual with a disability to accept an accommodation, aid, service, opportunity, or benefit provided under the CAA or this part which such individual chooses not to accept.

(2) Nothing in the CAA or this part authorizes the representative or guardian of an individual with a disability to decline food, water, medical treatment, or medical services for that individual.

(f) A public entity may not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the costs of measures, such as the provision of auxiliary aids or program accessibility, that are required to provide that individual or group with the nondiscriminatory treatment required by the CAA or this part.

(g) A public entity shall not exclude or otherwise deny equal public services, programs, or activities to an individual or entity because of the known disability of an individual with whom the individual or entity is known to have a relationship or association.

§ 35.131 Illegal use of drugs.

(a) *General.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, this part does not prohibit discrimination against an individual based on that individual's current illegal use of drugs.

(2) A public entity shall not discriminate on the basis of illegal use of drugs against an individual who is not engaging in current illegal use of drugs and who—

(i) Has successfully completed a supervised drug rehabilitation program or has otherwise been rehabilitated successfully;

(ii) Is participating in a supervised rehabilitation program; or

(iii) Is erroneously regarded as engaging in such use.

(b) *Health and drug rehabilitation services.* (1) A public entity shall not deny public health services, or public services provided in connection with drug rehabilitation, to an individual on the basis of that individual's current illegal use of drugs, if the individual is otherwise entitled to such services.

(2) A drug rehabilitation or treatment program may deny participation to individuals who engage in illegal use of drugs while they are in the program.

(c) *Drug testing.* (1) This part does not prohibit a public entity from adopting or administering reasonable policies or procedures, including but not limited to drug testing, designed to ensure that an individual who formerly engaged in the illegal use of drugs is not now engaging in current illegal use of drugs.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (c) of this section shall be construed to encourage, prohibit, restrict, or authorize the conduct of testing for the illegal use of drugs.

§ 35.132 Smoking.

This part does not preclude the prohibition of, or the imposition of restrictions on, smoking in transportation covered by this part.

§ 35.133 Maintenance of accessible features.

(a) A public entity shall maintain in operable working condition those features of facilities and equipment that are required to be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities by the CAA or this part.

(b) This section does not prohibit isolated or temporary interruptions in service or access due to maintenance or repairs.

§ 35.134 [Reserved]

§ 35.135 Personal devices and services.

This part does not require a public entity to provide to individuals with disabilities personal devices, such as wheelchairs; individually prescribed devices, such as prescription eyeglasses or hearing aids; readers for

personal use or study; or services of a personal nature including assistance in eating, toileting, or dressing.

§§ 35.136-35.139 [Reserved]

SUBPART C—EMPLOYMENT

§ 35.140 Employment discrimination prohibited.

(a) No qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be subjected to discrimination in employment under any service, program, or activity conducted by a public entity.

(b)(1) For purposes of this part, the requirements of title I of the Americans With Disabilities Act (''ADA''), as established by the regulations of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in 29 CFR part 1630, apply to employment in any service, program, or activity conducted by a public entity if that public entity is also subject to the jurisdiction of title I of the ADA, as applied by section 201 of the CAA.

(2) For the purposes of this part, the requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as established by the regulations of the Department of Justice in 28 CFR part 41, as those requirements pertain to employment, apply to employment in any service, program, or activity conducted by a public entity if that public entity is not also subject to the jurisdiction of title I of the ADA, as applied by section 201 of the CAA.

(c) Notwithstanding anything contained in this subpart, with respect to any claim of employment discrimination asserted by any covered employee, the exclusive remedy shall be under section 201 of the CAA.

§§35.141–35.148 [Reserved]

SUBPART D—PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY

§ 35.149 Discrimination prohibited.

Except as otherwise provided in § 35.150, no qualified individual with a disability shall, because a public entity's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by individuals with disabilities, be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of the public services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any public entity.

§ 35.150 Existing facilities.

(a) *General.* A public entity shall operate each public service, program, or activity so that the public service, program, or activity, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. This paragraph does not—

(1) Necessarily require a public entity to make each of its existing facilities accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities;

(2) Require a public entity to take any action that would threaten or destroy the historic significance of an historic property; or

(3) Require a public entity to take any action that it can demonstrate would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a public service, program, or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens. In those circumstances where personnel of the public entity believe that the proposed action would fundamentally alter the public service, program, or activity or would result in undue financial and administrative burdens, a public entity has the burden of proving that compliance with § 35.150(a) of this part would result in such alteration or burdens. The decision that compliance would result in such alteration or burdens must be made by the head of a public entity or his or her designee after considering all resources available for use in the funding and operation of the service, program, or activity, and must be accompanied by a written statement of the reasons for reaching that conclusion. If an action would result in such an alteration or such burdens, a public entity shall take any other action that would not result in such an alteration or such burdens but would nevertheless ensure that individuals with disabilities receive the public benefits or services provided by the public entity.

(b) *Methods*—(1) *General.* A public entity may comply with the requirements of this section through such means as redesign of equipment, reassignment of services to accessible buildings, assignment of aides to beneficiaries, home visits, delivery of services at alternate accessible sites, alteration of existing facilities and construction of new facilities, use of accessible rolling stock or other conveyances, or any other methods that result in making its public services, programs, or activities readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. A public entity is not required to make structural changes in existing facilities where other methods are effective in achieving compliance with this section. A public entity, in making alterations to existing buildings, shall meet the accessibility requirements of § 35.151. In choosing among available methods for meeting the requirements of this section, a public entity shall give priority to those methods that offer public services, programs, and activities to qualified individuals with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate.

(2) *Historic preservation programs.* In meeting the requirements of § 35.150(a) in historic preservation programs, a public entity shall give priority to methods that provide physical access to individuals with disabilities. In cases where a physical alteration to an historic property is not required because of paragraph (a)(2) or (a)(3) of this section, alternative methods of achieving program accessibility include—

(i) Using audio-visual materials and devices to depict those portions of an historic property that cannot otherwise be made accessible;

(ii) Assigning persons to guide individuals with handicaps into or through portions of historic properties that cannot otherwise be made accessible; or

(iii) Adopting other innovative methods.

(c) *Time period for compliance.* Where structural changes in facilities are undertaken to comply with the obligations established under this section, such changes shall be made by within three years of January 1, 1997, but in any event as expeditiously as possible.

(d) *Transition plan.* (1) In the event that structural changes to facilities will be undertaken to achieve program accessibility, a public entity that employs 50 or more persons shall develop, within six months of January 1, 1997, a transition plan setting forth the steps necessary to complete such changes. A public entity shall provide an opportunity to interested persons, including individuals with disabilities or organizations representing individuals with disabilities, to participate in the development of the transition plan by submitting comments. A copy of the transition plan shall be made available for public inspection.

(2) If a public entity has responsibility or authority over streets, roads, or walkways, its transition plan shall include a schedule for providing curb ramps or other sloped areas where pedestrian walks cross curbs, giving priority to walkways serving entities covered by the CAA, including covered offices and facilities, transportation, places of public accommodation, and employers, followed by walkways serving other areas.

(3) The plan shall, at a minimum—

(i) Identify physical obstacles in the public entity's facilities that limit the accessibility of its public programs or activities to individuals with disabilities;

(ii) Describe in detail the methods that will be used to make the facilities accessible;

(iii) Specify the schedule for taking the steps necessary to achieve compliance with this section and, if the time period of the transition plan is longer than one year, identify steps that will be taken during each year of the transition period; and

(iv) Indicate the official responsible for implementation of the plan.

§ 35.151 New construction and alterations.

(a) *Design and construction.* Each facility or part of a facility constructed by, on behalf of, or for the use of a public entity shall be designed and constructed in such manner that the facility or part of the facility is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, if the construction was commenced after January 1, 1997.

(b) *Alteration.* Each facility or part of a facility altered by, on behalf of, or for the use of a public entity in a manner that affects or could affect the usability of the facility or part of the facility shall, to the maximum extent feasible, be altered in such manner that the altered portion of the facility is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, if the alteration was commenced after January 1, 1997.

(c) *Accessibility standards.* Design, construction, or alteration of facilities in conformance with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) (Appendix B to Part 36 of these regulations) or with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities (ADAAG) (Appendix A to Part 36 of these regulations) shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of this section with respect to those facilities, except that the elevator exemption contained at 4.1.3(5) and 4.1.6(1)(j) of ADAAG shall not apply. Departures from particular requirements of either standard by the use of other methods shall be permitted when it is clearly evident that equivalent access to the facility or part of the facility is thereby provided.

(d) *Alterations: Historic properties.* (1) Alterations to historic properties shall comply, to the maximum extent feasible, with section 4.1.7 of UFAS or section 4.1.7 of ADAAG.

(2) If it is not feasible to provide physical access to an historic property in a manner that will not threaten or destroy the historic significance of the building or facility, alternative methods of access shall be provided pursuant to the requirements of § 35.150.

(e) *Curb ramps.* (1) Newly constructed or altered streets, roads, and highways must contain curb ramps or other sloped areas at any intersection having curbs or other barriers to entry from a street level pedestrian walkway.

(2) Newly constructed or altered street level pedestrian walkways must contain curb ramps or other sloped areas at intersections to streets, roads, or highways.

§§ 35.152—35.159 [Reserved]

SUBPART E—COMMUNICATIONS

§ 35.160 General.

(a) A public entity shall take appropriate steps to ensure that communications with applicants, participants, and members of the public with disabilities are as effective as communications with others.

(b)(1) A public entity shall furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services where necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in, and enjoy the benefits of, a public service, program, or activity conducted by a public entity.

(2) In determining what type of auxiliary aid and service is necessary, a public entity shall give primary consideration to the requests of the individual with disabilities.

§ 35.161 Text telephones (TTY's).

Where a public entity communicates by telephone with applicants and beneficiaries,

TTY's or equally effective telecommunication systems shall be used to communicate with individuals with impaired hearing or speech.

§ 35.162 Telephone emergency services.

Telephone emergency services, including 911 services, shall provide direct access to individuals who use TTY's and computer modems.

§ 35.163 Information and signage.

(a) A public entity shall ensure that interested persons, including persons with impaired vision or hearing, can obtain information as to the existence and location of accessible public services, activities, and facilities.

(b) A public entity shall provide signage at all inaccessible entrances to each of its public facilities, directing users to an accessible entrance or to a location at which they can obtain information about accessible public facilities. The international symbol for accessibility shall be used at each accessible entrance of a public facility.

§ 35.164 Duties.

This subpart does not require a public entity to take any action that it can demonstrate would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a public service, program, or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens. In those circumstances where personnel of the public entity believe that the proposed action would fundamentally alter the public service, program, or activity or would result in undue financial and administrative burdens, a public entity has the burden of proving that compliance with this subpart would result in such alteration or burdens. The decision that compliance would result in such alteration or burdens must be made by the head of the public entity or his or her designee after considering all resources available for use in the funding and operation of the public service, program, or activity and must be accompanied by a written statement of the reasons for reaching that conclusion. If an action required to comply with this subpart would result in such an alteration or such burdens, a public entity shall take any other action that would not result in such an alteration or such burdens but would nevertheless ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, individuals with disabilities receive the public benefits or services provided by the public entity.

§§ 35.165—35.169 [Reserved]
§§35.170—35.999 [Reserved]

Part 36—Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations

Subpart A—General

SUBPART A—GENERAL

§ 36.101 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to implement section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.) which, *inter alia,* applies the rights and protections of sections of title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12181), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public accommodations and requires places of public accommodation to be designed, constructed, and altered in compliance with the accessibility standards established by this part.

§ 36.102 Application.

(a) *General.* This part applies to any—(1) Public accommodation; or

(2) covered entity that offers examinations or courses related to applications, licensing, certification, or credentialing for secondary or postsecondary education, professional, or trade purposes.

(b) *Public accommodations.* (1) The requirements of this part applicable to public accommodations are set forth in subparts B, C, and D of this part.

(2) The requirements of subparts B and C of this part obligate a public accommodation only with respect to the operations of a place of public accommodation.

(3) The requirements of subpart D of this part obligate a public accommodation only with respect to a facility used as, or designed or constructed for use as, a place of public accommodation.

(c) *Examinations and courses.* The requirements of this part applicable to covered entities that offer examinations or courses as specified in paragraph (a) of this section are set forth in §36.309.

§ 36.103 Relationship to other laws.

(a) *Rule of interpretation.* Except as otherwise provided in this part, this part shall not be construed to apply a lesser standard than the standards applied under title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 791) or the regulations issued by Federal agencies pursuant to that title.

(b) *Other laws.* This part does not invalidate or limit the remedies, rights, and procedures of any other Federal laws otherwise applicable to covered entities that provide greater or equal protection for the rights of individuals with disabilities or individuals associated with them.

§ 36.104 Definitions.

For purposes of this part, the term—

Act or *CAA* means the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-1, 109 Stat. 3, 2 U.S.C. §§1301-1438).

ADA means the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101–336, 104 Stat. 327, 42 U.S.C. 12101–12213 and 47 U.S.C. 225 and 611), as applied to covered entities by section 210 of the CAA.

Covered entity means any entity listed in section 210(a) of the CAA that operates a place of public accommodation.

Current illegal use of drugs means illegal use of drugs that occurred recently enough to justify a reasonable belief that a person's drug use is current or that continuing use is a real and ongoing problem.

Disability means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual; a record of such an impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment.

(1) The phrase *physical or mental impairment* means

(i) Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs; respiratory, including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive; digestive; genitourinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin; and endocrine;

(ii) Any mental or psychological disorder such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities;

(iii) The phrase *physical or mental impairment* includes, but is not limited to, such contagious and noncontagious diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, mental retardation, emotional illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease (whether symptomatic or asymptomatic), tuberculosis, drug addiction, and alcoholism;

(iv) The phrase *physical or mental impairment* does not include homosexuality or bisexuality.

(2) The phrase *major life activities* means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

(3) The phrase *has a record of such an impairment* means has a history of, or as been misclassified as having, a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

(4) The phrase is *regarded as having an impairment* means

(i) Has a physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities but that is treated by a covered entity as constituting such a limitation;

(ii) Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such impairment; or

(iii) Has none of the impairments defined in paragraph (1) of this definition but is treated by a covered entity as having such an impairment.

(5) The term *disability* does not include—

(i) Transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments, or other sexual behavior disorders;

(ii) Compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania; or

(iii) Psychoactive substance use disorders resulting from current illegal use of drugs.

Drug means a controlled substance, as defined in schedules I through V of section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812).

Facility means all or any portion of buildings, structures, sites, complexes, equipment, rolling stock or other conveyances, roads, walks, passageways, parking lots, or other real or personal property, including the site where the building, property, structure, or equipment is located.

Illegal use of drugs means the use of one or more drugs, the possession or distribution of which is unlawful under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812). The term ''illegal use of drugs'' does not include the use of a drug taken under supervision by a licensed health care professional, or other uses authorized by the Controlled Substances Act or other provisions of Federal law.

Individual with a disability means a person who has a disability. The term ''individual with a disability'' does not include an individual who is currently engaging in the illegal use of drugs, when the covered entity acts on the basis of such use.

Place of public accommodation means a facility, operated by a covered entity, whose operations fall within at least one of the following categories—

(1) An inn, hotel, motel, or other place of lodging, except for an establishment located within a building that contains not more than five rooms for rent or hire and that is actually occupied by the proprietor of the establishment as the residence of the proprietor;

(2) A restaurant, bar, or other establishment serving food or drink;

(3) A motion picture house, theater, concert hall, stadium, or other place of exhibition or entertainment;

(4) An auditorium, convention center, lecture hall, or other place of public gathering;

(5) A bakery, grocery store, clothing store, hardware store, shopping center, or other sales or rental establishment;

(6) A laundromat, dry-cleaner, bank, barber shop, beauty shop, travel service, shoe repair service, funeral parlor, gas station, office of an accountant or lawyer, pharmacy, insurance office, professional office of a health care provider, hospital, or other service establishment;

(7) A terminal, depot, or other station used for specified public transportation;

(8) A museum, library, gallery, or other place of public display or collection;

(9) A park, zoo, amusement park, or other place of recreation;

(10) A nursery, elementary, secondary, undergraduate, or postgraduate covered school, or other place of education;

(11) A day care center, senior citizen center, homeless shelter, food bank, adoption agency, or other social service center establishment; and

(12) A gymnasium, health spa, bowling alley, golf course, or other place of exercise or recreation.

Public accommodation means a covered entity that operates a place of public accommodation.

Public entity means any of the following entities that provides public services, programs, or activities:

(1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee;

(2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee;

(3) each joint committee of the Congress;

(4) the Capitol Guide Service;

(5) the Capitol Police;

(6) the Congressional Budget Office;

(7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden);

(8) the Office of the Attending Physician; and

(9) the Office of Compliance.

Qualified interpreter means an interpreter who is able to interpret effectively, accurately and impartially both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary.

Readily achievable means easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense. In determining whether an action is readily achievable factors to be considered include—

(1) The nature and cost of the action needed under this part;

(2) The overall financial resources of the site or sites involved in the action; the number of persons employed at the site; the effect on expenses and resources; legitimate safety requirements that are necessary for safe operation, including crime prevention measures; or the impact otherwise of the action upon the operation of the site;

(3) The geographic separateness, and the administrative or fiscal relationship of the site or sites in question to any parent entity;

(4) If applicable, the overall financial resources of any parent entity; the overall size of the parent entity with respect to the number of its employees; the number, type, and location of its facilities; and

(5) If applicable, the type of operation or operations of any parent entity, including the composition, structure, and functions of the workforce of the parent entity.

Service animal means any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

Specified public transportation means transportation by bus, rail, or any other conveyance (other than by aircraft) that provides the general public with general or special service (including charter service) on a regular and continuing basis.

Undue burden means significant difficulty or expense. In determining whether an action would result in an undue burden, factors to be considered include—

(1) The nature and cost of the action needed under this part;

(2) The overall financial resources of the site or sites involved in the action; the number of persons employed at the site; the effect on expenses and resources; legitimate safety requirements that are necessary for safe operation, including crime prevention measures; or the impact otherwise of the action upon the operation of the site;

(3) The geographic separateness, and the administrative or fiscal relationship of the site or sites in question to any parent entity;

(4) If applicable, the overall financial resources of any parent entity; the overall size of the parent entity with respect to the number of its employees; the number, type, and location of its facilities; and

(5) If applicable, the type of operation or operations of any parent entity, including the composition, structure, and functions of the workforce of the parent entity.

SUBPART B GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

§ 36.201 General.

Prohibition of discrimination. No individual shall be discriminated against on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of any place of public accommodation by any covered entity who operates a place of public accommodation.

§ 36.202 Activities.

(a) *Denial of participation.* A public accommodation shall not subject an individual or class of individuals on the basis of a disability or disabilities of such individual or class, directly, or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements, to a denial of the opportunity of the individual or class to participate in or benefit from the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of a place of public accommodation.

(b) *Participation in unequal benefit.* A public accommodation shall not afford an individual or class of individuals, on the basis of a disability or disabilities of such individual or class, directly, or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements, with the opportunity to participate in or benefit from a good, service, facility, privilege, advantage, or accommodation that is not equal to that afforded to other individuals.

(c) *Separate benefit.* A public accommodation shall not provide an individual or class of individuals, on the basis of a disability or disabilities of such individual or class, directly, or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements with a good, service, facility, privilege, advantage, or accommodation that is different or separate from that provided to other individuals, unless such action is necessary to provide the individual or class of individuals with a good, service, facility, privilege, advantage, or accommodation, or other opportunity that is as effective as that provided to others.

(d) *Individual or class of individuals.* For purposes of paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section, the term individual or class of individuals refers to the clients or customers of the public accommodation that enter into the contractual, licensing, or other arrangement.

§ 36.203 Integrated settings.

(a) *General.* A public accommodation shall afford goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations to an individual with a disability in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of the individual.

(b) *Opportunity to participate.* Notwithstanding the existence of separate or different programs or activities provided in accordance with this subpart, a public accommodation shall not deny an individual with a disability an opportunity to participate in such programs or activities that are not separate or different.

(c) *Accommodations and services.* (1) Nothing in this part shall be construed to require an individual with a disability to accept an accommodation, aid, service, opportunity, or benefit available under this part that such individual chooses not to accept.

(2) Nothing in the CAA or this part authorizes the representative or guardian of an individual with a disability to decline food, water, medical treatment, or medical services for that individual.

§ 36.204 Administrative methods.

A public accommodation shall not, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, utilize standards or criteria or methods of administration that have the effect of discriminating on the basis of disability, or that perpetuate the discrimination of others who are subject to common administrative control.

§ 36.205 Association.

A public accommodation shall not exclude or otherwise deny equal goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, accommodations, or other opportunities to an individual or entity because of the known disability of an individual with whom the individual or entity is known to have a relationship or association.

§ 36.206 [Reserved]

§ 36.207 Places of public accommodation located in private residences.

(a) When a place of public accommodation is located in a private residence, the portion of the residence used exclusively as a residence is not covered by this part, but that portion used exclusively in the operation of the place of public accommodation or that portion used both for the place of public accommodation and for residential purposes is covered by this part.

(b) The portion of the residence covered under paragraph (a) of this section extends to those elements used to enter the place of public accommodation, including the homeowner's front sidewalk, if any, the door or entryway, and hallways; and those portions of the residence, interior or exterior, available to or used by customers or clients, including restrooms.

§ 36.208 Direct threat.

(a) This part does not require a public accommodation to permit an individual to participate in or benefit from the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages and accommodations of that public accommodation when that individual poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.

(b) *Direct threat* means a significant risk to the health or safety of others that cannot be eliminated by a modification of policies, practices, or procedures, or by the provision of auxiliary aids or services.

(c) In determining whether an individual poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, a public accommodation must make an individualized assessment, based on reasonable judgment that relies on current medical knowledge or on the best available objective evidence, to ascertain: the nature, duration, and severity of the risk; the probability that the potential injury will actually occur; and whether reasonable modifications of policies, practices, or procedures will mitigate the risk.

§ 36.209 Illegal use of drugs.

(a) *General.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, this part does not prohibit discrimination against an individual based on that individual's current illegal use of drugs.

(2) A public accommodation shall not discriminate on the basis of illegal use of drugs against an individual who is not engaging in current illegal use of drugs and who—

(i) Has successfully completed a supervised drug rehabilitation program or has otherwise been rehabilitated successfully;

(ii) Is participating in a supervised rehabilitation program; or

(iii) Is erroneously regarded as engaging in such use.

(b) *Health and drug rehabilitation services.* (1) A public accommodation shall not deny health services, or services provided in connection with drug rehabilitation, to an individual on the basis of that individual's current illegal use of drugs, if the individual is otherwise entitled to such services.

(2) A drug rehabilitation or treatment program may deny participation to individuals who engage in illegal use of drugs while they are in the program.

(c) *Drug testing.* (1) This part does not prohibit a public accommodation from adopting or administering reasonable policies or procedures, including but not limited to drug testing, designed to ensure that an individual who formerly engaged in the illegal use of drugs is not now engaging in current illegal use of drugs.

(2) Nothing in this paragraph (c) shall be construed to encourage, prohibit, restrict, or authorize the conducting of testing for the illegal use of drugs.

§ 36.210 Smoking.

This part does not preclude the prohibition of, or the imposition of restrictions on, smoking in places of public accommodation.

§ 36.211 Maintenance of accessible features.

(a) A public accommodation shall maintain in operable working condition those features of facilities and equipment that are required to be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities by the CAA or this part.

(b) This section does not prohibit isolated or temporary interruptions in service or access due to maintenance or repairs.

§ 36.212 Insurance.

(a) This part shall not be construed to prohibit or restrict—

(1) A covered entity that administers benefit plans, or similar organizations from underwriting risks, classifying risks, or administering such risks that are based on or not inconsistent with applicable law; or

(2) A person or organization covered by this part from establishing, sponsoring, observing or administering the terms of a bona fide benefit plan that are based on underwriting risks, classifying risks, or administering such risks that are based on or not inconsistent with applicable law; or

(3) A person or organization covered by this part from establishing, sponsoring, observing or administering the terms of a bona fide benefit plan that is not subject to applicable laws that regulate insurance.

(b) Paragraphs (a)(1), (2), and (3) of this section shall not be used as a subterfuge to evade the purposes of the CAA or this part.

(c) A public accommodation shall not refuse to serve an individual with a disability because its insurance company conditions coverage or rates on the absence of individuals with disabilities.

§ 36.213 Relationship of subpart B to subparts C and D of this part.

Subpart B of this part sets forth the general principles of nondiscrimination applicable to all entities subject to this part. Subparts C and D of this part provide guidance on the application of the statute to specific situations. The specific provisions, including the limitations on those provisions, control over the general provisions in circumstances where both specific and general provisions apply.

§§ 36.214–36.299 [Reserved]

SUBPART C SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

§ 36.301 Eligibility criteria.

(a) *General.* A public accommodation shall not impose or apply eligibility criteria that screen out or tend to screen out an individual with a disability or any class of individuals with disabilities from fully and equally enjoying any goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations, unless such criteria can be shown to be necessary for the provision of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations being offered.

(b) *Safety.* A public accommodation may impose legitimate safety requirements that are necessary for safe operation. Safety requirements must be based on actual risks and not on mere speculation, stereotypes, or generalizations about individuals with disabilities.

(c) *Charges.* A public accommodation may not impose a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the costs of measures, such as the provision of auxiliary aids, barrier removal, alternatives to barrier removal, and reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures, that are required to provide that individual or group with the nondiscriminatory treatment required by the CAA or this part.

§ 36.302 Modifications in policies, practices, or procedures.

(a) *General.* A public accommodation shall make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures, when the modifications are necessary to afford goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations to individuals with disabilities, unless the public accommodation can demonstrate that making the modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations.

(b) *Specialties*—(1) *General.* A public accommodation may refer an individual with a disability to another public accommodation, if that individual is seeking, or requires, treatment or services outside of the referring public accommodation's area of specialization, and if, in the normal course of its operations, the referring public accommodation would make a similar referral for an individual without a disability who seeks or requires the same treatment or services.

(2) *Illustration—medical specialties.* A health care provider may refer an individual with a disability to another provider, if that individual is seeking, or requires, treatment or services outside of the referring provider's area of specialization, and if the referring provider would make a similar referral for an individual without a disability who seeks or requires the same treatment or services. A physician who specializes in treating only a particular condition cannot refuse to treat an individual with a disability for that condition, but is not required to treat the individual for a different condition.

(c) *Service animals*—(1) *General.* Generally, a public accommodation shall modify policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of a service animal by an individual with a disability.

(2) *Care or supervision of service animals.* Nothing in this part requires a public accommodation to supervise or care for a service animal.

(d) *Check-out aisles.* A store with check-out aisles shall ensure that an adequate number of accessible check-out aisles is kept open during store hours, or shall otherwise modify its policies and practices, in order to ensure that an equivalent level of convenient service is provided to individuals with disabilities as is provided to others. If only one check-out aisle is accessible, and it is generally used for express service, one way of providing equivalent service is to allow persons with mobility impairments to make all their purchases at that aisle.

§ 36.303 Auxiliary aids and services.

(a) *General.* A public accommodation shall take those steps that may be necessary to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied services, segregated or otherwise treated differently than other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids and services, unless the public accommodation can demonstrate that taking those steps would fundamentally alter the nature of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations being offered or would result in an undue burden, i.e., significant difficulty or expense.

(b) *Examples.* The term ''auxiliary aids and service'' includes—

(1) Qualified interpreters, notetakers, computer-aided transcription services, written materials, telephone handset amplifiers, assistive listening devices, assistive listening systems, telephones compatible with hearing aids, closed caption decoders, open and closed captioning, text telephones (TTY's), videotext displays, or other effective methods of making aurally delivered materials available to individuals with hearing impairments;

(2) Qualified readers, taped texts, audio recordings, Brailled materials, large print materials, or other effective methods of making visually delivered materials available to individuals with visual impairments;

(3) Acquisition or modification of equipment or devices; and

(4) Other similar services and actions.

(c) *Effective communication.* A public accommodation shall furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services where necessary to ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities.

(d) Text telephones (TTY's). (1) A public accommodation that offers a customer, client, patient, or participant the opportunity to make outgoing telephone calls on more than an incidental convenience basis shall make available, upon request, a TTY for the use of an individual who has impaired hearing or a communication disorder.

(2) This part does not require a public accommodation to use a TTY for receiving or making telephone calls incident to its operations.

(f) *Alternatives.* If provision of a particular auxiliary aid or service by a public accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations being offered or is an undue burden, i.e., significant difficulty or expense, the public accommodation shall provide an alternative auxiliary aid or service, if one exists, that would not result in such an alteration or such burden but would nevertheless ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, individuals with disabilities receive the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations offered by the public accommodation.

§ 36.304 Removal of barriers.

(a) *General.* A public accommodation shall remove architectural barriers in existing facilities, including communication barriers that are structural in nature, where such removal is readily achievable, i.e., easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense.

(b) *Examples.* Examples of steps to remove barriers include, but are not limited to, the following actions—

(1) Installing ramps;

(2) Making curb cuts in sidewalks and entrances;

(3) Repositioning shelves;

(4) Rearranging tables, chairs, vending machines, display racks, and other furniture;

(5) Repositioning telephones;

(6) Adding raised markings on elevator control buttons;

(7) Installing flashing alarm lights;

(8) Widening doors;

(9) Installing offset hinges to widen doorways;

(10) Eliminating a turnstile or providing an alternative accessible path;

(11) Installing accessible door hardware;

(12) Installing grab bars in toilet stalls;

(13) Rearranging toilet partitions to increase maneuvering space;

(14) Insulating lavatory pipes under sinks to prevent burns;

(15) Installing a raised toilet seat;

(16) Installing a full-length bathroom mirror;

(17) Repositioning the paper towel dispenser in a bathroom;

(18) Creating designated accessible parking spaces;

(19) Installing an accessible paper cup dispenser at an existing inaccessible water fountain;

(20) Removing high pile, low density carpeting; or

(21) Installing vehicle hand controls.

(c) *Priorities.* A public accommodation is urged to take measures to comply with the barrier removal requirements of this section in accordance with the following order of priorities.

(1) First, a public accommodation should take measures to provide access to a place of public accommodation from public sidewalks, parking, or public transportation. These measures include, for example, installing an entrance ramp, widening entrances, and providing accessible parking spaces.

(2) Second, a public accommodation should take measures to provide access to those areas of a place of public accommodation where goods and services are made available to the public. These measures include, for example, adjusting the layout of display racks, rearranging tables, providing Brailled and raised character signage, widening doors, providing visual alarms, and installing ramps.

(3) Third, a public accommodation should take measures to provide access to restroom facilities. These measures include, for example, removal of obstructing furniture or vending machines, widening of doors, installation of ramps, providing accessible signage, widening of toilet stalls, and installation of grab bars.

(4) Fourth, a public accommodation should take any other measures necessary to provide access to the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of a place of public accommodation.

(d) *Relationship to alterations requirements of subpart D of this part.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, measures taken to comply with the barrier removal requirements of this section shall comply with the applicable requirements for alterations in §36.402 and §§36.404–36.406 of this part for the element being altered. The path of travel requirements of §36.403 shall not apply to measures taken solely to comply with the barrier removal requirements of this section.

(2) If, as a result of compliance with the alterations requirements specified in paragraph (d)(1) of this section, the measures required to remove a barrier would not be readily achievable, a public accommodation may take other readily achievable measures to remove the barrier that do not fully comply with the specified requirements. Such measures include, for example, providing a ramp with a steeper slope or widening a doorway to a narrower width than that mandated by the alterations requirements. No measure shall be taken, however, that poses a significant risk to the health or safety of individuals with disabilities or others.

(e) *Portable ramps.* Portable ramps should be used to comply with this section only when installation of a permanent ramp is not readily achievable. In order to avoid any significant risk to the health or safety of individuals with disabilities or others in using portable ramps, due consideration shall be given to safety features such as nonslip surfaces, railings, anchoring, and strength of materials.

(f) *Selling or serving space.* The rearrangement of temporary or movable structures, such as furniture, equipment, and display racks is not readily achievable to the extent that it results in a significant loss of selling or serving space.

(g) *Limitation on barrier removal obligations.* (1) The requirements for barrier removal under §36.304 shall not be interpreted to exceed the standards for alterations in subpart D of this part.

(2) To the extent that relevant standards for alterations are not provided in subpart D of this part, then the requirements of §36.304 shall not be interpreted to exceed the standards for new construction in subpart D of this part.

(3) This section does not apply to rolling stock and other conveyances to the extent that §36.310 applies to rolling stock and other conveyances.

§ 36.305 Alternatives to barrier removal.

(a) *General.* Where a public accommodation can demonstrate that barrier removal is not readily achievable, the public accommodation shall not fail to make its goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations available through alternative methods, if those methods are readily achievable.

(b) *Examples.* Examples of alternatives to barrier removal include, but are not limited to, the following actions—

(1) Providing curb service or home delivery;

(2) Retrieving merchandise from inaccessible shelves or racks;

(3) Relocating activities to accessible locations;

(c) *Multiscreen cinemas.* If it is not readily achievable to remove barriers to provide access by persons with mobility impairments to all of the theaters of a multiscreen cinema, the cinema shall establish a film rotation schedule that provides reasonable access for individuals who use wheelchairs to all films. Reasonable notice shall be provided to the public as to the location and time of accessible showings.

§ 36.306 Personal devices and services.

This part does not require a public accommodation to provide its customers, clients, or participants with personal devices, such as wheelchairs; individually prescribed devices, such as prescription eyeglasses or hearing aids; or services of a personal nature including assistance in eating, toileting, or dressing.

§ 36.307 Accessible or special goods.

(a) This part does not require a public accommodation to alter its inventory to include accessible or special goods that are designed for, or facilitate use by, individuals with disabilities.

(b) A public accommodation shall order accessible or special goods at the request of an individual with disabilities, if, in the normal course of its operation, it makes special orders on request for unstocked goods, and if the accessible or special goods can be obtained from a supplier with whom the public accommodation customarily does business.

(c) Examples of accessible or special goods include items such as Brailled versions of books, books on audio cassettes, closed-captioned video tapes, special sizes or lines of clothing, and special foods to meet particular dietary needs.

§ 36.308 Seating in assembly areas.

(a) *Existing facilities.* (1) To the extent that it is readily achievable, a public accommodation in assembly areas shall—

(i) Provide a reasonable number of wheelchair seating spaces and seats with removable aisle-side arm rests; and

(ii) Locate the wheelchair seating spaces so that they—

(A) Are dispersed throughout the seating area;

(B) Provide lines of sight and choice of admission prices comparable to those for members of the general public;

(C) Adjoin an accessible route that also serves as a means of egress in case of emergency; and

(D) Permit individuals who use wheelchairs to sit with family members or other companions.

(2) If removal of seats is not readily achievable, a public accommodation shall provide, to the extent that it is readily achievable to do so, a portable chair or other means to permit a family member or other companion to sit with an individual who uses a wheelchair.

(3) The requirements of paragraph (a) of this section shall not be interpreted to exceed the standards for alterations in subpart D of this part.

(b) *New construction and alterations.* The provision and location of wheelchair seating spaces in newly constructed or altered assembly areas shall be governed by the standards for new construction and alterations in subpart D of this part.

§ 36.309 Examinations and courses.

(a) *General.* Any covered entity that offers examinations or courses related to applications, licensing, certification, or credentialing for secondary or postsecondary education, professional, or trade purposes shall offer such examinations or courses in a place and manner accessible to persons with disabilities or offer alternative accessible arrangements for such individuals.

(b) *Examinations.* (1) Any covered entity offering an examination covered by this section must assure that—

(i) The examination is selected and administered so as to best ensure that, when the examination is administered to an individual with a disability that impairs sensory, manual, or speaking skills, the examination results accurately reflect the individual's aptitude or achievement level or whatever other factor the examination purports to measure, rather than reflecting the individual's impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills (except where those skills are the factors that the examination purports to measure);

(ii) An examination that is designed for individuals with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills is offered at equally convenient locations, as often, and in as timely a manner as are other examinations; and

(iii) The examination is administered in facilities that are accessible to individuals with disabilities or alternative accessible arrangements are made.

(2) Required modifications to an examination may include changes in the length of time permitted for completion of the examination and adaptation of the manner in which the examination is given.

(3) A covered entity offering an examination covered by this section shall provide appropriate auxiliary aids for persons with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills, unless that covered entity can demonstrate that offering a particular auxiliary aid would fundamentally alter the measurement of the skills or knowledge the examination is intended to test or would result in an undue burden. Auxiliary aids and services required by this section may include taped examinations, interpreters or other effective methods of making orally delivered materials available to individuals with hearing impairments, Brailled or large print examinations and answer sheets or qualified readers for individuals with visual impairments or learning disabilities, transcribers for individuals with manual impairments, and other similar services and actions.

(4) Alternative accessible arrangements may include, for example, provision of an examination at an individual's home with a proctor if accessible facilities or equipment are unavailable. Alternative arrangements must provide comparable conditions to those provided for nondisabled individuals.

(c) *Courses.* (1) Any covered entity that offers a course covered by this section must make such modifications to that course as are necessary to ensure that the place and manner in which the course is given are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

(2) Required modifications may include changes in the length of time permitted for the completion of the course, substitution of specific requirements, or adaptation of the manner in which the course is conducted or course materials are distributed.

(3) A covered entity that offers a course covered by this section shall provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services for persons with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills, unless the covered entity can demonstrate that offering a particular auxiliary aid or service would fundamentally alter the course or would result in an undue burden. Auxiliary aids and services required by this section may include taped texts, interpreters or other effective methods of making orally delivered materials available to individuals with hearing impairments, Brailled or large print texts or qualified readers for individuals with visual impairments and learning disabilities, classroom equipment adapted for use by individuals with manual impairments, and other similar services and actions.

(4) Courses must be administered in facilities that are accessible to individuals with disabilities or alternative accessible arrangements must be made.

(5) Alternative accessible arrangements may include, for example, provision of the course through videotape, cassettes, or prepared notes. Alternative arrangements must provide comparable conditions to those provided for nondisabled individuals.

§ 36.310 Transportation provided by public accommodations.

(a) *General.* (1) A public accommodation that provides transportation services, but that is not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people, is subject to the general and specific provisions in subparts B, C, and D of this part for its transportation operations, except as provided in this section.

(2) *Examples.* Transportation services subject to this section include, but are not limited to, shuttle services operated between transportation terminals and places of public accommodation and customer shuttle bus services operated by covered entities

(b) *Barrier removal.* A public accommodation subject to this section shall remove transportation barriers in existing vehicles and rail passenger cars used for transporting individuals (not including barriers that can only be removed through the retrofitting of vehicles or rail passenger cars by the installation of a hydraulic or other lift) where such removal is readily achievable.

(c) *Requirements for vehicles and systems.* A public accommodation subject to this section shall comply with the requirements pertaining to vehicles and transportation systems in the regulations issued by the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance.

§§ 36.311–36.400 [Reserved]

SUBPART D—NEW CONSTRUCTION AND ALTERATIONS

§ 36.401 New construction.

(a) *General.* (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, discrimination for purposes of this part includes a failure to design and construct facilities for first occupancy after July 23, 1997, that are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

(2) For purposes of this section, a facility is designed and constructed for first occupancy after July 23, 1997, only—

(i) If the last application for a building permit or permit extension for the facility is certified to be complete, by an appropriate governmental authority after January 1, 1997 (or, in those jurisdictions where the government does not certify completion of applications, if the last application for a building permit or permit extension for the facility is received by the appropriate governmental authority after January 1, 1997); and

(ii) If the first certificate of occupancy for the facility is issued after July 23, 1997.

(b) *Place of public accommodation located in private residences.* (1) When a place of public accommodation is located in a private residence, the portion of the residence used exclusively as a residence is not covered by this subpart, but that portion used exclusively in the operation of the place of public accommodation or that portion used both for the place of public accommodation and for residential purposes is covered by the new construction and alterations requirements of this subpart.

(2) The portion of the residence covered under paragraph (b)(1) of this section extends to those elements used to enter the place of public accommodation, including the homeowner's front sidewalk, if any, the door or entryway, and hallways; and those portions of the residence, interior or exterior, available to or used by employees or visitors of the place of public accommodation, including restrooms.

(c) *Exception for structural impracticability.* (1) Full compliance with the requirements of this section is not required where an entity can demonstrate that it is structurally impracticable to meet the requirements. Full compliance will be considered structurally impracticable only in those rare circumstances when the unique characteristics of terrain prevent the incorporation of accessibility features.

(2) If full compliance with this section would be structurally impracticable, compliance with this section is required to the extent that it is not structurally impracticable. In that case, any portion of the facility that can be made accessible shall be made accessible to the extent that it is not structurally impracticable.

(3) If providing accessibility in conformance with this section to individuals with certain disabilities (e.g., those who use wheelchairs) would be structurally impracticable, accessibility shall nonetheless be ensured to persons with other types of disabilities (e.g., those who use crutches or who have sight, hearing, or mental impairments) in accordance with this section.

(d) *Elevator exemption.* (1) For purposes of this paragraph (d)—

Professional office of a health care provider means a location where a person or entity regulated by a State to provide professional services related to the physical or mental health of an individual makes such services available to the public. The facility housing the ''professional office of a health care provider'' only includes floor levels housing at least one health care provider, or any floor level designed or intended for use by at least one health care provider.

(2) This section does not require the installation of an elevator in a facility that is less than three stories or has less than 3000 square feet per story, except with respect to any facility that houses one or more of the following:

(i) A professional office of a health care provider.

(ii) A terminal, depot, or other station used for specified public transportation. In such a facility, any area housing passenger services, including boarding and debarking, loading and unloading, baggage claim, dining facilities, and other common areas open to the public, must be on an accessible route from an accessible entrance.

(3) The elevator exemption set forth in this paragraph (d) does not obviate or limit in any way the obligation to comply with the other accessibility requirements established in paragraph (a) of this section. For example, in a facility that houses a professional office of a health care provider, the floors that are above or below an accessible ground floor and that do not house a professional office of a health care provider, must meet the requirements of this section but for the elevator.

§ 36.402 Alterations.

(a) *General.* (1) Any alteration to a place of public accommodation, after January 1, 1997,

shall be made so as to ensure that, to the maximum extent feasible, the altered portions of the facility are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(2) An alteration is deemed to be undertaken after January 1, 1997, if the physical alteration of the property begins after that date.

(b) *Alteration.* For the purposes of this part, an alteration is a change to a place of public accommodation that affects or could affect the usability of the building or facility or any part thereof.

(1) Alterations include, but are not limited to, remodeling, renovation, rehabilitation, reconstruction, historic restoration, changes or rearrangement in structural parts or elements, and changes or rearrangement in the plan configuration of walls and full-height partitions. Normal maintenance, reroofing, painting or wallpapering, asbestos removal, or changes to mechanical and electrical systems are not alterations unless they affect the usability of the building or facility.

(2) If existing elements, spaces, or common areas are altered, then each such altered element, space, or area shall comply with the applicable provisions of appendix A to this part.

(c) *To the maximum extent feasible.* The phrase ''to the maximum extent feasible,'' as used in this section, applies to the occasional case where the nature of an existing facility makes it virtually impossible to comply fully with applicable accessibility standards through a planned alteration. In these circumstances, the alteration shall provide the maximum physical accessibility feasible. Any altered features of the facility that can be made accessible shall be made accessible. If providing accessibility in conformance with this section to individuals with certain disabilities (e.g., those who use wheelchairs) would not be feasible, the facility shall be made accessible to persons with other types of disabilities (e.g., those who use crutches, those who have impaired vision or hearing, or those who have other impairments).

§ 36.403 Alterations: Path of travel.

(a) *General.* An alteration that affects or could affect the usability of or access to an area of a facility that contains a primary function shall be made so as to ensure that, to the maximum extent feasible, the path of travel to the altered area and the restrooms, telephones, and drinking fountains serving the altered area, are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, unless the cost and scope of such alterations is disproportionate to the cost of the overall alteration.

(b) *Primary function.* A primary function is a major activity for which the facility is intended. Areas that contain a primary function include, but are not limited to, the customer services lobby of a bank, the dining area of a cafeteria, the meeting rooms in a conference center, as well as offices and other work areas in which the activities of the public accommodation or other covered entity using the facility are carried out. Mechanical rooms, boiler rooms, supply storage rooms, employee lounges or locker rooms, janitorial closets, entrances, corridors, and restrooms are not areas containing a primary function.

(c) *Alterations to an area containing a primary function.* (1) Alterations that affect the usability of or access to an area containing a primary function include, but are not limited to—

(i) Remodeling merchandise display areas or employee work areas in a department store;

(ii) Replacing an inaccessible floor surface in the customer service or employee work areas of a bank;

(iii) Redesigning the assembly line area of a factory; or

(iv) Installing a computer center in an accounting firm.

(2) For the purposes of this section, alterations to windows, hardware, controls, electrical outlets, and signage shall not be deemed to be alterations that affect the usability of or access to an area containing a primary function.

(d) *Path of travel.* (1) A ''path of travel'' includes a continuous, unobstructed way of pedestrian passage by means of which the altered area may be approached, entered, and exited, and which connects the altered area with an exterior approach (including sidewalks, streets, and parking areas), an entrance to the facility, and other parts of the facility.

(2) An accessible path of travel may consist of walks and sidewalks, curb ramps and other interior or exterior pedestrian ramps; clear floor paths through lobbies, corridors, rooms, and other improved areas; parking access aisles; elevators and lifts; or a combination of these elements.

(3) For the purposes of this part, the term ''path of travel'' also includes the restrooms, telephones, and drinking fountains serving the altered area.

(e) *Disproportionality.* (1) Alterations made to provide an accessible path of travel to the altered area will be deemed disproportionate to the overall alteration when the cost exceeds 20% of the cost of the alteration to the primary function area.

(2) Costs that may be counted as expenditures required to provide an accessible path of travel may include:

(i) Costs associated with providing an accessible entrance and an accessible route to the altered area, for example, the cost of widening doorways or installing ramps;

(ii) Costs associated with making restrooms accessible, such as installing grab bars, enlarging toilet stalls, insulating pipes, or installing accessible faucet controls;

(iii) Costs associated with providing accessible telephones, such as relocating the telephone to an accessible height, installing amplification devices, or installing a text telephone (TTY);

(iv) Costs associated with relocating an inaccessible drinking fountain.

(f) *Duty to provide accessible features in the event of disproportionality.* (1) When the cost of alterations necessary to make the path of travel to the altered area fully accessible is disproportionate to the cost of the overall alteration, the path of travel shall be made accessible to the extent that it can be made accessible without incurring disproportionate costs.

(2) In choosing which accessible elements to provide, priority should be given to those elements that will provide the greatest access, in the following order:

(i) An accessible entrance;

(ii) An accessible route to the altered area;

(iii) At least one accessible restroom for each sex or a single unisex restroom;

(iv) Accessible telephones;

(v) Accessible drinking fountains; and

(vi) When possible, additional accessible elements such as parking, storage, and alarms.

(g) *Series of smaller alterations.* (1) The obligation to provide an accessible path of travel may not be evaded by performing a series of small alterations to the area served by a single path of travel if those alterations could have been performed as a single undertaking.

(2)(i) If an area containing a primary function has been altered without providing an accessible path of travel to that area, and subsequent alterations of that area, or a different area on the same path of travel, are undertaken within three years of the original alteration, the total cost of alterations to the primary function areas on that path of travel during the preceding three year period shall be considered in determining whether the cost of making that path of travel accessible is disproportionate.

(ii) Only alterations undertaken after January 1, 1997, shall be considered in determining if the cost of providing an accessible path of travel is disproportionate to the overall cost of the alterations.

§ 36.404 Alterations: Elevator exemption.

(a) This section does not require the installation of an elevator in an altered facility that is less than three stories or has less than 3,000 square feet per story, except with respect to any facility that houses the professional office of a health care provider, a terminal, depot, or other station used for specified public transportation.

For the purposes of this section, ''professional office of a health care provider'' means a location where a person or entity employed by a covered entity and/or regulated by a State to provide professional services related to the physical or mental health of an individual makes such services available to the public. The facility that houses a ''professional office of a health care provider'' only includes floor levels housing by at least one health care provider, or any floor level designed or intended for use by at least one health care provider.

(b) The exemption provided in paragraph (a) of this section does not obviate or limit in any way the obligation to comply with the other accessibility requirements established in this subpart. For example, alterations to floors above or below the accessible ground floor must be accessible regardless of whether the altered facility has an elevator.

§ 36.405 Alterations: Historic preservation.

(a) Alterations to buildings or facilities that are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.), or are designated as historic under State or local law, shall comply to the maximum extent feasible with section 4.1.7 of appendix A to this part.

(b) If it is determined under the procedures set out in section 4.1.7 of appendix A that it is not feasible to provide physical access to an historic property that is a place of public accommodation in a manner that will not threaten or destroy the historic significance of the building or facility, alternative methods of access shall be provided pursuant to the requirements of subpart C of this part.

§ 36.406 Standards for new construction and alterations.

(a) New construction and alterations subject to this part shall comply with the standards for accessible design published as appendix A to this part (ADAAG).

(b) The chart in the appendix to this section provides guidance to the user in reading appendix A to this part (ADAAG) together with subparts A through D of this part, when determining requirements for a particular facility.

Appendix to § 36.406

This chart has no effect for purposes of compliance or enforcement. It does not necessarily provide complete or mandatory information.

	Subparts A–D	ADAAG
Application: General.	36.102(b)(3): public accommodations	1,2,3,4.1.1.
	36.102(c): commercial facilities	
	36.102(e): public entities	
	36.103 (other laws)	
	36.401 (“for first occupancy”)	
	36.402(a)(alterations)	
Definitions	36.104: facility, place of public accommodation, public accommodation, public entity.	3.5 Definitions, including; addition, alteration, building, element, facility, space, story.
	36.401(d)(1)(i), 36.404(a)(1): professional office of a health care provider	4.1.6(i), technical infeasibility.
	36.402: alteration; usability.	
	36.402(c): to the maximum extent feasible.	
	36.401(a) General	4.1.2.
New construction: General	36.207 Places of public accommodation in private residences	4.1.3.
Work areas		4.1.1(3)
Structural impracticability	36.401(c)	4.1.1(5)(a).
Elevator exemption	36.401(d)	4.1.3(5).
	36.404	
Other exceptions		4.1.1(5), 4.1.3(5) and throughout.
Alterations: general	36.402	4.1.6(1).
Alterations affecting an area containing a primary function; path of travel; disproportionality.	36.403	4.1.6(2).
Alterations: Special Technical provisions		4.1.6(3).
Additions	36.401–36.405	4.1.5.
Historic preservation	36.405	4.1.7.
Technical provisions		4.2 through 4.35.
Restaurants and cafeterias		5.
Facilites		6.
Business and mercantile		7.
Libraries		8.
Transient lodging (hotels, homeless shelters, etc.)		9.
Transportation facilities		10.

§ 36.407. Temporary suspension of certain detectable warning requirements.

The detectable warning requirements contained in sections 4.7.7, 4.29.5, and 4.29.6 of appendix A to this part are suspended temporarily until July 26, 1998.

§§ 36.408–36.499 [Reserved]

§§ 36.501–36.608 [Reserved]

Appendix A to Part 36—Standards for Accessible Design

[Copies of this appendix may be obtained from the Office of Compliance, Room LA 200, John Adams Building, 110 Second Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540-1999.]

Appendix B to Part 36—Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards

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Part 37—Transportation Services for Individuals With Disabilities (CAA)

Subpart A—General

Subpart B—Applicability

Subpart C—Transportation Facilities

Subpart D—Acquisition of Accessible Vehicles by Public Entities

Subpart E—Acquisition of Accessible Vehicles by Covered Entities

Subpart F—Paratransit as a complement to fixed route service

Subpart G—Provision of Service.

SUBPART A—GENERAL

§ 37.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to implement the transportation and related provisions of titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as applied by section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*).

§ 37.3 Definitions

As used in this part:

Accessible means, with respect to vehicles and facilities, complying with the accessibility requirements of parts 37 and 38 of these regulations.

Act or *CAA* means the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (Pub.L. 104-1, 109 Stat. 3, 2 U.S.C. §§ 1301-1438).

ADA means the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131- 12150, 12182, 12183, and 12189) as applied to covered entities by section 210 of the CAA.

Alteration means a change to an existing facility, including, but not limited to, remodeling, renovation, rehabilitation, reconstruction, historic restoration, changes or rearrangement in structural parts or elements, and changes or rearrangement in the plan configuration of walls and full-height partitions. Normal maintenance, reroofing, painting or wallpapering, asbestos removal, or changes to mechanical or electrical systems are not alterations unless they affect the usability of the building or facility.

Automated guideway transit system or AGT means a fixed-guideway transit system which operates with automated (driverless) individual vehicles or multi-car trains. Service may be on a fixed schedule or in response to a passenger-activated call button.

Auxiliary aids and services includes:

(1) Qualified interpreters, notetakers, transcription services, written materials, telephone headset amplifiers, assistive listening devices, assistive listening systems, telephones compatible with hearing aids, closed caption decoders, closed and open captioning, text telephones (also known as TTYs), videotext displays, or other effective methods of making aurally delivered materials available to individuals with hearing impairments;

(2) Qualified readers, taped texts, audio recordings, Brailled materials, large print materials, or other effective methods of making visually delivered materials available to individuals with visual impairments;

(3) Acquisition or modification of equipment or devices; or

(4) Other similar services or actions.

Board means the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance.

Bus means any of several types of self-propelled vehicles, generally rubber-tired, intended for use on city streets, highways, and busways, including but not limited to minibuses, forty- and thirty- foot buses, articulated buses, double-deck buses, and electrically powered trolley buses, used by public entities to provide designated public transportation service and by covered entities to provide transportation service including, but not limited to, specified public transportation services. Self-propelled, rubber-tired vehicles designed to look like antique or vintage trolleys are considered buses.

Commuter bus service means fixed route bus service, characterized by service predominantly in one direction during peak periods, limited stops, use of multi-ride tickets, and routes of extended length, usually between the central business district and outlying suburbs. Commuter bus service may also include other service, characterized by a limited route structure, limited stops, and a coordinated relationship to another mode of transportation.

Covered entity means any entity listed in section 210(a) of the CAA that operates a place of public accommodation within the meaning of section 210 of the CAA.

Demand responsive system means any system of transporting individuals, including the provision of designated public transportation service by public entities and the provision of transportation service by covered entities, including but not limited to specified public transportation service, which is not a fixed route system.

Designated public transportation means transportation provided by a public entity (other than public school transportation) by bus, rail, or other conveyance (other than transportation by aircraft or intercity or commuter rail transportation) that provides the general public with general or special service, including charter service, on a regular and continuing basis.

Disability means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual; a record of such an impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment.

(1) *The phrase* physical or mental impairment means

(i) Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological, musculoskeletal, special sense organs, respiratory including speech organs, cardiovascular, reproductive, digestive, genito-urinary, hemic and lymphatic, skin, and endocrine;

(ii) Any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities;

(iii) The term *physical or mental impairment* includes, but is not limited to, such contagious or noncontagious diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments; cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, mental retardation, emotional illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease, tuberculosis, drug addiction and alcoholism;

(iv) The phrase *physical or mental impairment* does not include homosexuality or bisexuality.

(2) The phrase *major life activities* means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working; or

(3) The phrase *has a record of such an impairment* means has a history of, or has been misclassified as having, a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; or

(4) The phrase *is regarded as having such an impairment* means—

(i) Has a physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities, but which is treated by a public or covered entity as constituting such a limitation;

(ii) Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such an impairment; or

(iii) Has none of the impairments defined in paragraph (1) of this definition but is treated by a public or covered entity as having such an impairment.

(5) The term *disability* does not include—

(i) Transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments, or other sexual behavior disorders;

(ii) Compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania;

(iii) Psychoactive substance abuse disorders resulting from the current illegal use of drugs.

Facility means all or any portion of buildings, structures, sites, complexes, equipment, roads, walks, passageways, parking lots, or other real or personal property, including the site where the building, property, structure, or equipment is located.

Fixed route system means a system of transporting individuals (other than by aircraft), including the provision of designated public transportation service by public entities and the provision of transportation service by covered entities, including, but not limited to, specified public transportation service, on which a vehicle is operated along a prescribed route according to a fixed schedule.

General Counsel means the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance.

Individual with a disability means a person who has a disability, but does not include an individual who is currently engaging in the illegal use of drugs, when a public or covered entity acts on the basis of such use.

Light rail means a streetcar-type vehicle operated on city streets, semi-exclusive rights of way, or exclusive rights of way. Service may be provided by step-entry vehicles or by level boarding.

New vehicle means a vehicle which is offered for sale or lease after manufacture without any prior use.

Office means the Office of Compliance.

Operates includes, with respect to a fixed route or demand responsive system, the provision of transportation service by a public or covered entity itself or by a person under a contractual or other arrangement or relationship with the entity.

Over-the-road bus means a bus characterized by an elevated passenger deck located over a baggage compartment.

Paratransit means comparable transportation service required by the CAA for individuals with disabilities who are unable to use fixed route transportation systems.

Private entity means any entity other than a public or covered entity.

Public entity means any of the following entities that provides public services, programs, or activities:

(1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee;

(2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee;

(3) each joint committee of the Congress;

(4) the Capitol Guide Service;

(5) the Capitol Police;

(6) the Congressional Budget Office;

(7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden);

(8) the Office of the Attending Physician; and

(9) the Office of Compliance.

Purchase or lease, with respect to vehicles, means the time at which a public or covered entity is legally obligated to obtain the vehicles, such as the time of contract execution.

Public school transportation means transportation by schoolbus vehicles of schoolchildren, personnel, and equipment to and from a public elementary or secondary school and school-related activities.

Rapid rail means a subway-type transit vehicle railway operated on exclusive private rights of way with high level platform stations. Rapid rail also may operate on elevated or at grade level track separated from other traffic.

Remanufactured vehicle means a vehicle which has been structurally restored and has had new or rebuilt major components installed to extend its service life.

Service animal means any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

Solicitation means the closing date for the submission of bids or offers in a procurement.

Station means where a public entity providing rail transportation owns the property, concession areas, to the extent that such public entity exercises control over the selection, design, construction, or alteration of the property, but this term does not include flag stops (i.e., stations which are not regularly scheduled stops but at which trains will stop board or detrain passengers only on signal or advance notice).

Transit facility means, for purposes of determining the number of text telephones needed consistent with §10.3.1(12) of Appendix A to this part, a physical structure the primary function of which is to facilitate access to and from a transportation system which has scheduled stops at the structure. The term does not include an open structure or a physical structure the primary purpose of which is other than providing transportation services.

Used vehicle means a vehicle with prior use.

Vanpool means a voluntary commuter ridesharing arrangement, using vans with a seating capacity greater than 7 persons (including the driver) or buses, which provides

transportation to a group of individuals traveling directly from their homes to their regular places of work within the same geographical area, and in which the commuter/driver does not receive compensation beyond reimbursement for his or her costs of providing the service.

Vehicle, as the term is applied to covered entities, does not include a rail passenger car, railroad locomotive, railroad freight car, or railroad caboose, or other rail rolling stock described in section 242 or title III of the Americans With Disabilities Act, which is not applied to covered entities by section 210 of the CAA.

Wheelchair means a mobility aid belonging to any class of three or four-wheeled devices, usable indoors, designed for and used by individuals with mobility impairments, whether operated manually or powered. A ''*common wheelchair*'' is such a device which does not exceed 30 inches in width and 48 inches in length measured two inches above the ground, and does not weigh more than 600 pounds when occupied.

§ 37.5 Nondiscrimination.

(a) No covered entity shall discriminate against an individual with a disability in connection with the provision of transportation service.

(b) Notwithstanding the provision of any special transportation service to individuals with disabilities, an entity shall not, on the basis of disability, deny to any individual with a disability the opportunity to use the entity's transportation service for the general public, if the individual is capable of using that service.

(c) An entity shall not require an individual with a disability to use designated priority seats, if the individual does not choose to use these seats.

(d) An entity shall not impose special charges, not authorized by this part, on individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, for providing services required by this part or otherwise necessary to accommodate them.

(e) An entity shall not require that an individual with disabilities be accompanied by an attendant.

(f) An entity shall not refuse to serve an individual with a disability or require anything contrary to this part because its insurance company conditions coverage or rates on the absence of individuals with disabilities or requirements contrary to this part.

(g) It is not discrimination under this part for an entity to refuse to provide service to an individual with disabilities because that individual engages in violent, seriously disruptive, or illegal conduct. However, an entity shall not refuse to provide service to an individual with disabilities solely because the individual's disability results in appearance or involuntary behavior that may offend, annoy, or inconvenience employees of the entity or other persons.

§ 37.7 Standards for accessible vehicles.

(a) For purposes of this part, a vehicle shall be considered to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities if it meets the requirements of this part and the standards set forth in part 38 of these regulations.

(b)(1) For purposes of implementing the equivalent facilitation provision in §38.2 of these regulations, the following parties may submit to the General Counsel of the applicable operating administration a request for a determination of equivalent facilitation:

(i) A public or covered entity that provides transportation services and is subject to the provisions of subpart D or subpart E of this part; or

(ii) The manufacturer of a vehicle or a vehicle component or subsystem to be used by such entity to comply with this part.

(2) The requesting party shall provide the following information with its request:

(i) Entity name, address, contact person and telephone;

(ii) Specific provision of part 38 of these regulations concerning which the entity is seeking a determination of equivalent facilitation;

(iii) [Reserved]

(iv) Alternative method of compliance, with demonstration of how the alternative meets or exceeds the level of accessibility or usability of the vehicle provided in part 38; and

(v) Documentation of the public participation used in developing an alternative method of compliance.

(3) In the case of a request by a public entity that provides transportation services subject to the provisions of subpart D of this part, the required public participation shall include the following:

(i) The entity shall contact individuals with disabilities and groups representing them in the community. Consultation with these individuals and groups shall take place at all stages of the development of the request for equivalent facilitation. All documents and other information concerning the request shall be available, upon request to members of the public.

(ii) The entity shall make its proposed request available for public comment before the request is made final or transmitted to the General Counsel. In making the request available for public review, the entity shall ensure that it is available, upon request, in accessible formats.

(iii) The entity shall sponsor at least one public hearing on the request and shall provide adequate notice of the hearing, including advertisement in appropriate media, such as newspapers of general and special interest circulation and radio announcements.

(4) In the case of a request by a covered entity that provides transportation services subject to the provisions of subpart E of this part, the covered entity shall consult, in person, in writing, or by other appropriate means, with representatives of national and local organizations representing people with those disabilities who would be affected by the request.

(5) A determination of compliance will be made by the General Counsel of the concerned operating administration on a case-by-case basis.

(6) Determinations of equivalent facilitation are made only with respect to vehicles or vehicle components used in the provision of transportation services covered by subpart D or subpart E of this part, and pertain only to the specific situation concerning which the determination is made. Entities shall not cite these determinations as indicating that a product or method constitute equivalent facilitation in situations other than those to which the determination is made. Entities shall not claim that a determination of equivalent facilitation indicates approval or endorsement of any product or method by the Office.

(c) Over-the-road buses acquired by public entities (or by a contractor to a public entity as provided in §37.23 of this part) shall comply with §38.23 and subpart G of part 38 of these regulations.

§ 37.9 Standards for accessible transportation facilities.

(a) For purposes of this part, a transportation facility shall be considered to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities if it meets the requirements of this part and the standards set forth in Appendix A to this part.

(b) Facility alterations begun before January 1, 1997, in a good faith effort to make a facility accessible to individuals with disabilities may be used to meet the key station requirements set forth in §37.47 of this part, even if these alterations are not consistent with the standards set forth in Appendix A to this part, if the modifications complied with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standard (UFAS) or ANSI A117.1(1980) (American National Standards Specification for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to and Usable by, the Physically Handicapped). This paragraph applies only to alterations of individual elements and spaces and only to the extent that provisions covering those elements or spaces are contained in UFAS or ANSI A117.1, as applicable.

(c) Public entities shall ensure the construction of new bus stop pads are in compliance with section 10.2.1(1) of appendix A to this part, to the extent construction specifications are within their control.

(d)(1) For purposes of implementing the equivalent facilitation provision in section 2.2 of appendix A to this part, the following parties may submit to the General Counsel a request for a determination of equivalent facilitation:

(i) A public or covered entity that provides transportation services subject to the provisions of subpart C of this part, or any other appropriate party with the concurrence of the General Counsel.

(ii) The manufacturer of a product or accessibility feature to be used in the facility of such entity to comply with this part.

(2) The requesting party shall provide the following information with its request:

(i) Entity name, address, contact person and telephone;

(ii) Specific provision of appendix A to part 37 of these regulations concerning which the entity is seeking a determination of equivalent facilitation;

(iii) [Reserved];

(iv) Alternative method of compliance, with demonstration of how the alternative meets or exceeds the level of accessibility or usability of the vehicle provided in appendix A to this part; and

(v) Documentation of the public participation used in developing an alternative method of compliance.

(3) In the case of a request by a public entity that provides transportation facilities, the required public participation shall include the following:

(i) The entity shall contact individuals with disabilities and groups representing them in the community. Consultation with these individuals and groups shall take place at all stages of the development of the request for equivalent facilitation. All documents and other information concerning the request shall be available, upon request to members of the public.

(ii) The entity shall make its proposed request available for public comment before the request is made final or transmitted to the General Counsel. In making the request available for public review, the entity shall ensure that it is available, upon request, in accessible formats.

(iii) The entity shall sponsor at least one public hearing on the request and shall provide adequate notice of the hearing, including advertisement in appropriate medial, such as newspapers of general and special interest circulation and radio announcements.

(4) In the case of a request by a covered entity, the covered entity shall consult, in person, in writing, or by other appropriate means, with representatives of national and local organizations representing people with those disabilities who would be affected by the request.

(5) A determination of compliance will be made by the General Counsel on a case-by-case basis.

(6) Determinations of equivalent facilitation are made only with respect to vehicles or vehicle components used in the provision of transportation services covered by subpart D or subpart E of this part, and pertain only to the specific situation concerning which the determination is made. Entities shall not cite these determinations as indicating that a product or method constitute equivalent facilitations in situations other than those to which the determination is made. Entities shall not claim that a determination of equivalent facilitation indicates approval or endorsement of any product or method by the Office.

§ 37.11 [Reserved]

§ 37.13 Effective date for certain vehicle lift specifications.

The vehicle lift specifications identified in §§ 38.23(b)(6) and 38.83(b)(6) apply to solicitations for vehicles under this part after December 31, 1996.

§§ 37.15 Temporary suspension of certain detectable warning requirements.

The detectable warning requirements contained in sections 4.7.7, 4.29.5, and 3.29.6 of appendix A to this part are suspended temporarily until July 26, 1998.

§§ 37.17–37.19 [Reserved]

SUBPART B—APPLICABILITY.

§ 37.21 Applicability: General

(a) This part applies to the following entities:

(1) Any public entity that provides designated public transportation; and

(2) Any covered entity that is not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people but operates a demand responsive or fixed route system.

(b) Entities to which this part applies also may be subject to CAA regulations of the Office of Compliance (parts 35 or 36, as applicable). The provisions of this part shall be interpreted in a manner that will make them consistent with applicable Office of Compliance regulations. In any case of apparent inconsistency, the provisions of this part shall prevail.

§ 37.23 Service under contract.

(a) When a public entity enters into a contractual or other arrangement or relationship with a private entity to operate fixed route or demand responsive service, the public entity shall ensure that the private entity meets the requirements of this part that would apply to the public entity if the public entity itself provided the service.

(b) A public entity which enters into a contractual or other arrangement or relationship with a private entity to provide fixed route service shall ensure that the percentage of accessible vehicles operated by the public entity in its overall fixed route or demand responsive fleet is not diminished as a result.

§ 37.25 [Reserved]

§ 37.27 Transportation for elementary and secondary education systems.

(a) The requirements of this part do not apply to public school transportation.

(b) The requirements of this part do not apply to the transportation of school children to and from a covered elementary or secondary school, and its school-related activities, if the school is providing transportation service to students with disabilities equivalent to that provided to students without disabilities. The test of equivalence is the same as that provided in § 37.105. If the school does not meet the criteria of this paragraph for exemption from the requirements of this part, it is subject to the requirements of this part for covered entities not primarily engaged in transporting people.

§ 37.29 [Reserved]

§ 37.31 Vanpools.

Vanpool systems which are operated by public entities, or in which public entities own or purchase or lease the vehicles, are subject to the requirements of this part for demand responsive service for the general public operated by public entities. A vanpool system in this category is deemed to be providing equivalent service to individuals with disabilities if a vehicle that an individual with disabilities can use is made available to and used by a vanpool in which such an individual chooses to participate.

§§ 37.33–37.35 [Reserved]

§ 37.37 Other applications.

(a) Shuttle systems and other transportation services operated by public accommodations are subject to the requirements of this part for covered entities not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people. Either the requirements for demand responsive or fixed route service may apply, depending upon the characteristics of each individual system of transportation.

(b) Conveyances used by members of the public primarily for recreational purposes rather than for transportation (e.g., amusement park rides, ski lifts, or historic rail cars or trolleys operated in museum settings) are not subject to the requirements of this part. Such conveyances are subject to the Board's regulations implementing the nontransportation provisions of title II or title III of the ADA, as applied by section 210 of the CAA, as applicable.

(c) Transportation services provided by an employer solely for its own employees are not subject to the requirements of this part. Such services are subject to the requirements of section 201 of the CAA .

§ 37.39 [Reserved]

SUBPART C TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

§ 37.41 Construction of transportation facilities by public entities.

A public entity shall construct any new facility to be used in providing designated public transportation services so that the facility is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs. For purposes of this section, a facility or station is ″new″ if its construction begins (i.e., issuance of notice to proceed) after December 31, 1996.

§ 37.43 Alteration of transportation facilities by public entity.

(a)(1) When a public entity alters an existing facility or a part of an existing facility used in providing designated public transportation services in a way that affects or could affect the usability of the facility or part of the facility, the entity shall make the alterations (or ensure that the alterations are made) in such a manner, to the maximum extent feasible, that the altered portions of the facility are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, upon the completion of such alterations.

(2) When a public entity undertakes an alteration that affects or could affect the usability of or access to an area of a facility containing a primary function, the entity shall make the alteration in such a manner that, to the maximum extent feasible, the path of travel to the altered area and the bathrooms, telephones, and drinking fountains serving the altered area are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, upon completion of the alterations. *Provided,* that alterations to the path of travel, drinking fountains, telephones and bathrooms are not required to be made readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, if the cost and scope of doing so would be disproportionate.

(3) The requirements of this paragraph also apply to the alteration of existing intercity or commuter rail stations by the responsible person for, owner of, or person in control of the station.

(4) The requirements of this section apply to any alteration which begins (i.e., issuance of notice to proceed or work order, as applicable) after December 31, 1996.

(b) As used in this section, the phrase *to the maximum extent feasible* applies to the occasional case where the nature of an existing facility makes it impossible to comply fully with applicable accessibility standards through a planned alteration. In these circumstances, the entity shall provide the maximum physical accessibility feasible. Any altered features of the facility or portion of the facility that can be made accessible shall be made accessible. If providing accessibility to certain individuals with disabilities (e.g., those who use wheelchairs) would not be feasible, the facility shall be made accessible to individuals with other types of disabilities (e.g., those who use crutches, those who have impaired vision or hearing, or those who have other impairments).

(c) As used in this section, a *primary function* is a major activity for which the facility is intended. Areas of transportation facilities that involve primary functions include, but are not necessarily limited to, ticket purchase and collection areas, passenger waiting areas, train or bus platforms, baggage checking and return areas and employment areas (except those involving non-occupiable spaces accessed only by ladders, catwalks, crawl spaces, vary narrow passageways, or freight [non-passenger] elevators which are frequented only by repair personnel).

(d) As used in this section, a *path of travel* includes a continuous, unobstructed way of pedestrian passage by means of which the altered area may be approached, entered, and exited, and which connects the altered area with an exterior approach (including sidewalks, parking areas, and streets), an entrance to the facility, and other parts of the facility. The term also includes the restrooms, telephones, and drinking fountains serving the altered area. An accessible path of travel may include walks and sidewalks, curb ramps and other interior or exterior pedestrian ramps, clear floor paths through corridors, waiting areas, concourses, and other improved areas, parking access aisles, elevators and lifts, bridges, tunnels, or other passageways between platforms, or a combination of these and other elements.

(e)(1) Alterations made to provide an accessible path of travel to the altered area will be deemed disproportionate to the overall alteration when the cost exceeds 20 percent of the cost of the alteration to the primary function area (without regard to the costs of accessibility modifications).

(2) Costs that may be counted as expenditures required to provide an accessible path of travel include:

(i) Costs associated with providing an accessible entrance and an accessible route to the altered area (e.g., widening doorways and installing ramps);

(ii) Costs associated with making restrooms accessible (e.g., grab bars, enlarged toilet stalls, accessible faucet controls);

(iii) Costs associated with providing accessible telephones (e.g., relocation of phones to an accessible height, installation of amplification devices or TTYs);

(iv) Costs associated with relocating an inaccessible drinking fountain.

(f)(1) When the cost of alterations necessary to make a path of travel to the altered area fully accessible is disproportionate to the cost of the overall alteration, then

such areas shall be made accessible to the maximum extent without resulting in disproportionate costs;

(2) In this situation, the public entity should give priority to accessible elements that will provide the greatest access, in the following order:

(i) An accessible entrance;

(ii) An accessible route to the altered area;

(iii) At least one accessible restroom for each sex or a single unisex restroom (where there are one or more restrooms);

(iv) Accessible telephones;

(v) Accessible drinking fountains;

(vi) When possible, other accessible elements (e.g., parking, storage, alarms).

(g) If a public entity performs a series of small alterations to the area served by a single path of travel rather than making the alterations as part of a single undertaking, it shall nonetheless be responsible for providing an accessible path of travel.

(h)(1) If an area containing a primary function has been altered without providing an accessible path of travel to that area, and subsequent alterations of that area, or a different area on the same path of travel, are undertaken within three years of the original alteration, the total cost of alteration to the primary function areas on that path of travel during the preceding three year period shall be considered in determining whether the cost of making that path of travel is disproportionate;

(2) For the first three years after January 1, 1997, only alterations undertaken between that date and the date of the alteration at issue shall be considered in determining if the cost of providing accessible features is disproportionate to the overall cost of the alteration.

(3) Only alterations undertaken after January 1, 1997, shall be considered in determining if the cost of providing an accessible path of travel is disproportionate to the overall cost of the alteration.

§ 37.45 Construction and alteration of transportation facilities by covered entities.

In constructing and altering transit facilities, covered entities shall comply with the regulations of the Board implementing title III of the ADA, as applied by section 210 of the CAA (part 36).

§ 37.47 Key stations in light and rapid rail systems.

(a) Each public entity that provides designated public transportation by means of a light or rapid rail system shall make key stations on its system readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs. This requirement is separate from and in addition to requirements set forth in §37.43 of this part.

(b) Each public entity shall determine which stations on its system are key stations. The entity shall identify key stations, using the planning and public participation process set forth in paragraph (d) of this section, and taking into consideration the following criteria:

(1) Stations where passenger boardings exceed average station passenger boardings on the rail system by at least fifteen percent, unless such a station is close to another accessible station;

(2) Transfer stations on a rail line or between rail lines;

(3) Major interchange points with other transportation modes, including stations connecting with major parking facilities, bus terminals, intercity or commuter rail stations, passenger vessel terminals, or airports;

(4) End stations, unless an end station is close to another accessible station; and

(5) Stations serving major activity centers, such as employment or government centers, institutions of higher education, hospitals or other major health care facilities, or other facilities that are major trip generators for individuals with disabilities.

(c) (1) Unless an entity receives an extension under paragraph (c)(2) of this section, the public entity shall achieve accessibility of key stations as soon as practicable, but in no case later than January 1, 2000, except that an entity is not required to complete installation of detectable warnings required by section 10.3.2(2) of appendix A to this part until January 1, 2001.

(2) The General Counsel may grant an extension of this completion date for key station accessibility for a period up to January 1, 2025, provided that two-thirds of key stations are made accessible by January 1, 2015. Extensions may be granted as provided in paragraph (e) of this section.

(d) The public entity shall develop a plan for compliance for this section. The plan shall be submitted to the General Counsel's office by July 1, 1997.

(1) The public entity shall consult with individuals with disabilities affected by the plan. The public entity also shall hold at least one public hearing on the plan and solicit comments on it. The plan submitted to General Counsel shall document this public participation, including summaries of the consultation with individuals with disabilities and the comments received at the hearing and during the comment period. The plan also shall summarize the public entity's responses to the comments and consultation.

(2) The plan shall establish milestones for the achievement of required accessibility of key stations, consistent with the requirements of this section.

(e) A public entity wishing to apply for an extension of the January 1, 2000, deadline for key station accessibility shall include a request for an extension with its plan submitted to the General Counsel under paragraph (d) of this section. Extensions may be granted only with respect to key stations which need extraordinarily expensive structural changes to, or replacement of, existing facilities (e.g., installations of elevators, raising the entire passenger platform, or alterations of similar magnitude and cost). Requests for extensions shall provide for completion of key station accessibility within the time limits set forth in paragraph (c) of this section. The General Counsel may approve, approve with conditions, modify, or disapprove any request for an extension.

§§ 37.49–37.59 [Reserved]

§ 37.61 Public transportation programs and activities in existing facilities.

(a) A public entity shall operate a designated public transportation program or activity conducted in an existing facility so that, when viewed in its entirety, the program or activity is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

(b) This section does not require a public entity to make structural changes to existing facilities in order to make the facilities accessible by individuals who use wheelchairs, unless and to the extent required by §37.43 (with respect to alterations) or §37.47 of this part (with respect to key stations). Entities shall comply with other applicable accessibility requirements for such facilities.

(c) Public entities, with respect to facilities that, as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, are not required to be made accessible to individuals who use wheelchairs, are not required to provide to such individuals services made available to the general public at such facilities when the individuals could not utilize or benefit from the services.

§§ 37.63–37.69 [Reserved]

SUBPART D—ACQUISITION OF ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES BY PUBLIC ENTITIES.

§ 37.71 Purchase or lease of new non-rail vehicles by public entities operating fixed route systems.

(a) Except as provided elsewhere in this section, each public entity operating a fixed route system making a solicitation after January 31, 1997, to purchase or lease a new bus or other new vehicle for use on the system, shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(b) A public entity may purchase or lease a new bus that is not readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, if it applies for, and the General Counsel grants, a waiver as provided for in this section.

(c) Before submitting a request for such a waiver, the public entity shall hold at least one public hearing concerning the proposed request.

(d) The General Counsel may grant a request for such a waiver if the public entity demonstrates to the General Counsel's satisfaction that—

(1) The initial solicitation for new buses made by the public entity specified that all new buses were to be lift-equipped and were to be otherwise accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities;

(2) Hydraulic, electromechanical, or other lifts for such new buses could not be provided by any qualified lift manufacturer to the manufacturer of such new buses in sufficient time to comply with the solicitation; and

(3) Any further delay in purchasing new buses equipped with such necessary lifts would significantly impair transportation services in the community served by the public entity.

(e) The public entity shall include with its waiver request a copy of the initial solicitation and written documentation from the bus manufacturer of its good faith efforts to obtain lifts in time to comply with the solicitation, and a full justification for the assertion that the delay in bus procurement needed to obtain a lift-equipped bus would significantly impair transportation services in the community. This documentation shall include a specific date at which the lifts could be supplied, copies of advertisements in trade publications and inquiries to trade associations seeking lifts, and documentation of the public hearing.

(f) Any waiver granted by the General Counsel under this section shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) The waiver shall apply only to the particular bus delivery to which the waiver request pertains;

(2) The waiver shall include a termination date, which will be based on information concerning when lifts will become available for installation on the new buses the public entity is purchasing. Buses delivered after this date, even though procured under a solicitation to which a waiver applied, shall be equipped with lifts;

(3) Any bus obtained subject to the waiver shall be capable of accepting a lift, and the public entity shall install a lift as soon as soon as one becomes available;

(4) Such other terms and conditions as the General Counsel may impose.

(g)(1) When the General Counsel grants a waiver under this section, he/she shall promptly notify any appropriate committees of Congress.

(2) If the General Counsel has reasonable cause to believe that a public entity fraudulently applied for a waiver under this section, the General Counsel shall:

(i) Cancel the waiver if it is still in effect; and

(ii) Take other appropriate action.

§ 37.73 Purchase or lease of used non-rail vehicles by public entities operating a fixed route system.

(a) Except as provided elsewhere in this section, each public entity operating a fixed route system purchasing or leasing, after January 31, 1997, a used bus or other used vehicle for use on the system, shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(b) A public entity may purchase or lease a used vehicle for use on its fixed route system that is not readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities if, after making demonstrated good faith efforts to obtain an accessible vehicle, it is unable to do so.

(c) Good faith efforts shall include at least the following steps:

(1) An initial solicitation for used vehicles specifying that all used vehicles are to be lift-equipped and otherwise accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, or, if an initial solicitation is not used, a documented communication so stating;

(2) A nationwide search for accessible vehicles, involving specific inquiries to used vehicle dealers and other transit providers; and

(3) Advertising in trade publications and contacting trade associations.

(d) Each public entity purchasing or leasing used vehicles that are not readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities shall retain documentation of the specific good faith efforts it made for three years from the date the vehicles were purchased. These records shall be made available, on request, to the General Counsel and the public.

§ 37.75 Remanufacture of non-rail vehicles and purchase or lease of remanufactured non-rail vehicles by public entities operating fixed route systems.

(a) This section applies to any public entity operating a fixed route system which takes one of the following actions:

(1) After January 31, 1997, remanufactures a bus or other vehicle so as to extend its useful life for five years or more or makes a solicitation for such remanufacturing; or

(2) Purchases or leases a bus or other vehicle which has been remanufactured so as to extend its useful life for five years or more, where the purchase or lease occurs after January 31, 1997, and during the period in which the useful life of the vehicle is extended.

(b) Vehicles acquired through the actions listed in paragraph (a) of this section shall, to the maximum extent feasible, be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(c) For purposes of this section, it shall be considered feasible to remanufacture a bus or other motor vehicle so as to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, unless an engineering analysis demonstrates that including accessibility features required by this part would have a significant adverse effect on the structural integrity of the vehicle.

(d) If a public entity operates a fixed route system, any segment of which is included on the National Register of Historic Places, and if making a vehicle of historic character used solely on such segment readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities would significantly alter the historic character of such vehicle, the public entity has only to make (or purchase or lease a remanufactured vehicle with) those modifications to make the vehicle accessible which do not alter the historic character of such vehicle, in consultation with the National Register of Historic Places.

(e) A public entity operating a fixed route system as described in paragraph (d) of this section may apply in writing to the General Counsel for a determination of the historic character of the vehicle. The General Counsel shall refer such requests to the National Register of Historic Places, and shall rely on its advice in making determinations of the historic character of the vehicle.

§ 37.77 Purchase or lease of new non-rail vehicles by public entities operating a demand responsive system for the general public.

(a) Except as provided in this section, a public entity operating a demand responsive system for the general public making a solicitation after January 31, 1997, to purchase or lease a new bus or other new vehicle for use on the system, shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(b) If the system, when viewed in its entirety, provides a level of service to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, equivalent to the level of service it provides to individuals without disabilities, it may purchase new vehicles that are not readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

(c) For purposes of this section, a demand responsive system, when viewed in its entirety, shall be deemed to provide equivalent service if the service available to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, is provided in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of the individual and is equivalent to the service provided other individuals with respect to the following service characteristics:

(1) Response time;

(2) Fares;

(3) Geographic area of service;

(4) Hours and days of service;

(5) Restrictions or priorities based on trip purpose;

(6) Availability of information and reservations capability; and

(7) Any constraints on capacity or service availability.

(d) A public entity, which determines that its service to individuals with disabilities is equivalent to that provided other persons shall, before any procurement of an inaccessible vehicle, make a certificate that it provides equivalent service meeting the standards of paragraph (c) of this section. A public entity shall make such a certificate and retain it in its files, subject to inspection on request of the General Counsel. All certificates under this paragraph may be made in connection with a particular procurement or in advance of a procurement; however, no certificate shall be valid for more than one year.

(e) The waiver mechanism set forth in §37.71(b)–(g) (unavailability of lifts) of this subpart shall also be available to public entities operating a demand responsive system for the general public.

§ 37.79 Purchase or lease of new rail vehicles by public entities operating rapid or light rail systems.

Each public entity operating a rapid or light rail system making a solicitation after January 31, 1997, to purchase or lease a new rapid or light rail vehicle for use on the system shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

§ 37.81 Purchase or lease of used rail vehicles by public entities operating rapid or light rail systems.

(a) Except as provided elsewhere in this section, each public entity operating a rapid or light rail system which, after January 31, 1997, purchases or leases a used rapid or light rail vehicle for use on the system shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(b) A public entity may purchase or lease a used rapid or light rail vehicle for use on its rapid or light rail system that is not readily accessible to and usable by individuals if, after making demonstrated good faith efforts to obtain an accessible vehicle, it is unable to do so.

(c) Good faith efforts shall include at least the following steps:

(1) The initial solicitation for used vehicles made by the public entity specifying that all used vehicles were to be accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, or, if a solicitation is not used, a documented communication so stating;

(2) A nationwide search for accessible vehicles, involving specific inquiries to manufacturers and other transit providers; and

(3) Advertising in trade publications and contacting trade associations.

(d) Each public entity purchasing or leasing used rapid or light rail vehicles that are not readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities shall retain documentation of the specific good faith efforts it made for three years from the date the vehicles were purchased. These records shall be made available, on request, to the General Counsel and the public.

§ 37.83 Remanufacture of rail vehicles and purchase or lease of remanufactured rail vehicles by public entities operating rapid or light rail systems.

(a) This section applies to any public entity operating a rapid or light rail system which takes one of the following actions:

(1) After January 31, 1997, remanufactures a light or rapid rail vehicle so as to extend its useful life for five years or more or makes a solicitation for such remanufacturing;

(2) Purchases or leases a light or rapid rail vehicle which has been remanufactured so as to extend its useful life for five years or more, where the purchase or lease occurs after January 31, 1997, and during the period in which the useful life of the vehicle is extended.

(b) Vehicles acquired through the actions listed in paragraph (a) of this section shall, to the maximum extent feasible, be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(c) For purposes of this section, it shall be considered feasible to remanufacture a rapid or light rail vehicle so as to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, unless an engineering analysis demonstrates that doing so would have a significant adverse effect on the structural integrity of the vehicle.

(d) If a public entity operates a rapid or light rail system any segment of which is included on the National Register of Historic Places and if making a rapid or light rail vehicle of historic character used solely on such segment readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities would significantly alter the historic character of such vehicle, the public entity need only make (or purchase or lease a remanufactured vehicle with) those modifications that do not alter the historic character of such vehicle.

(e) A public entity operating a fixed route system as described in paragraph (d) of this section may apply in writing to the General Counsel for a determination of the historic character of the vehicle. The General Counsel shall refer such requests to the National Register of Historic Places and shall rely on

its advice in making a determination of the historic character of the vehicle.

§§ 37.85–37.91 [Reserved]

§ 37.93 One car per train rule.

(a) The definition of accessible for purposes of meeting the one car per train rule is spelled out in the applicable subpart for each transportation system type in part 38 of these regulations.

(b) Each public entity providing light or rapid rail service shall ensure that each train, consisting of two or more vehicles, includes at least one car that is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, as soon as practicable but in no case later than December 31, 2001.

§ 37.95 [Reserved]

§§ 37.97–37.99 [Reserved]

SUBPART E—ACQUISITION OF ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES BY COVERED ENTITIES

§ 37.101 Purchase or lease of vehicles by covered entities not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people.

(a) *Application*. This section applies to all purchases or leases of vehicles by covered entities which are not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people, in which a solicitation for the vehicle is made after January 31, 1997.

(b) *Fixed Route System, Vehicle Capacity Over 16*. If the entity operates a fixed route system and purchases or leases a vehicle with a seating capacity of over 16 passengers (including the driver) for use on the system, it shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs.

(c) *Fixed Route System, Vehicle Capacity of 16 or Fewer*. If the entity operates a fixed route system and purchases or leases a vehicle with a seating capacity of 16 or fewer passengers (including the driver) for use on the system, it shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, unless the system, when viewed in its entirety, meets the standard for equivalent service of §37.105 of this part.

(d) *Demand Responsive System, Vehicle Capacity Over 16*. If the entity operates a demand responsive system, and purchases or leases a vehicle with a seating capacity of over 16 passengers (including the driver) for use on the system, it shall ensure that the vehicle is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, unless the system, when viewed in its entirety, meets the standard for equivalent service of §37.105 of this part.

(e) *Demand Responsive System, Vehicle Capacity of 16 or Fewer*. Entities providing demand responsive transportation covered under this section are not specifically required to ensure that new vehicles with seating capacity of 16 or fewer are accessible to individuals with wheelchairs. These entities are required to ensure that their systems, when viewed in their entirety, meet the equivalent service requirements of §§37.171 and 37.105, regardless of whether or not the entities purchase a new vehicle.

§ 37.103 [Reserved]

§ 37.105 Equivalent service standard.

For purposes of § 37.101 of this part, a fixed route system or demand responsive system, when viewed in its entirety, shall be deemed to provide equivalent service if the service available to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, is provided in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of the individual and is equivalent to the service provided other individuals with respect to the following service characteristics:

(a) (1) Schedules/headways (if the system is fixed route);

(2) Response time (if the system is demand responsive);

(b) Fares;

(c) Geographic area of service;

(d) Hours and days of service;

(e) Availability of information;

(f) Reservations capability (if the system is demand responsive);

(g) Any constraints on capacity or service availability;

(h) Restrictions priorities based on trip purpose (if the system is demand responsive).

§§ 37.107–37.109 [Reserved]

§§ 37.111–37.119 [Reserved]

SUBPART F—PARATRANSIT AS A COMPLEMENT TO FIXED ROUTE SERVICE

§ 37.121 Requirement for comparable complementary paratransit service.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, each public entity operating a fixed route system shall provide paratransit or other special service to individuals with disabilities that is comparable to the level of service provided to individuals without disabilities who use the fixed route system.

(b) To be deemed comparable to fixed route service, a complementary paratransit system shall meet the requirements of §§37.123–37.133 of this subpart. The requirement to comply with §37.131 may be modified in accordance with the provisions of this subpart relating to undue financial burden.

(c) Requirements for complementary paratransit do not apply to commuter bus systems.

§ 37.123 CAA paratransit eligibility—standards.

(a) Public entities required by §37.121 of this subpart to provide complementary paratransit service shall provide the service to the CAA paratransit eligible individuals described in paragraph (e) of this section.

(b) If an individual meets the eligibility criteria of this section with respect to some trips but not others, the individual shall be CAA paratransit eligible only for those trips for which he or she meets the criteria.

(c) Individuals may be CAA paratransit eligible on the basis of a permanent or temporary disability.

(d) Public entities may provide complementary paratransit service to persons other than CAA paratransit eligible individuals. However, only the cost of service to CAA paratransit eligible individuals may be considered in a public entity's request for an undue financial burden waiver under §§37.151–37.155 of this part.

(e) The following individuals are CAA paratransit eligible:

(1) Any individual with a disability who is unable, as the result of a physical or mental impairment (including a vision impairment), and without the assistance of another individual (except the operator of a wheelchair lift or other boarding assistance device), to board, ride, or disembark from any vehicle on the system which is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

(2) Any individual with a disability who needs the assistance of a wheelchair lift or other boarding assistance device and is able, with such assistance, to board, ride and disembark from any vehicle which is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities if the individual wants to travel on a route on the system during the hours of operation of the system at a time, or within a reasonable period of such time, when such a vehicle is not being used to provide designated public transportation on the route.

(i) An individual is eligible under this paragraph with respect to travel on an otherwise accessible route on which the boarding or disembarking location which the individual would use is one at which boarding or disembarking from the vehicle is precluded as provided in § 37.167(g) of this part.

(ii) An individual using a common wheelchair is eligible under this paragraph if the individual's wheelchair cannot be accommodated on an existing vehicle (e.g., because the vehicle's lift does not meet the standards of part 38 of these regulations), even if that vehicle is accessible to other individuals with disabilities and their mobility wheelchairs.

(iii) With respect to rail systems, an individual is eligible under this paragraph if the individual could use an accessible rail system, but

(A) there is not yet one accessible car per train on the system; or

(B) key stations have not yet been made accessible.

(3) Any individual with a disability who has a specific impairment-related condition which prevents such individual from traveling to a boarding location or from a disembarking location on such system.

(i) Only a specific impairment-related condition which prevents the individual from traveling to a boarding location or from a disembarking location is a basis for eligibility under this paragraph. A condition which makes traveling to boarding location or from a disembarking location more difficult for a person with a specific impairment-related condition than for an individual who does not have the condition, but does not prevent the travel, is not a basis for eligibility under this paragraph.

(ii) Architectural barriers not under the control of the public entity providing fixed route service and environmental barriers (e.g., distance, terrain, weather) do not, standing alone, form a basis for eligibility under this paragraph. The interaction of such barriers with an individual's specific impairment-related condition may form a basis for eligibility under this paragraph, if the effect is to prevent the individual from traveling to a boarding location or from a disembarking location.

(f) Individuals accompanying a CAA paratransit eligible individual shall be provided service as follows:

(1) One other individual accompanying the CAA paratransit eligible individual shall be provided service.

(i) If the CAA paratransit eligible individual is traveling with a personal care attendant, the entity shall provide service to one other individual in addition to the attendant who is accompanying the eligible individual.

(ii) A family member or friend is regarded as a person accompanying the eligible individual, and not as a personal care attendant, unless the family member or friend registered is acting in the capacity of a personal care attendant;

(2) Additional individuals accompanying the CAA paratransit eligible individual shall be provided service, provided that space is available for them on the paratransit vehicle carrying the CAA paratransit eligible individual and that transportation of the additional individuals will not result in a denial of service to CAA paratransit eligible individuals.

(3) In order to be considered as ''accompanying'' the eligible individual for purposes of this paragraph, the other individual(s) shall have the same origin and destination as the eligible individual.

§ 37.125 CAA paratransit eligibility: process.

Each public entity required to provide complementary paratransit service by § 37.121 of this part shall establish a process for determining CAA paratransit eligibility.

(a) The process shall strictly limit CAA paratransit eligibility to individuals specified in §37.123 of this part.

(b) All information about the process, materials necessary to apply for eligibility, and notices and determinations concerning eligibility shall be made available in accessible formats, upon request.

(c) If, by a date 21 days following the submission of a complete application, the entity has not made a determination of eligibility, the applicant shall be treated as eligible and provided service until and unless the entity denies the application.

(d) The entity's determination concerning eligibility shall be in writing. If the determination is that the individual is ineligible, the determination shall state the reasons for the finding.

(e) The public entity shall provide documentation to each eligible individual stating that he or she is ''CAA Paratransit Eligible.'' The documentation shall include the name of the eligible individual, the name of the transit provider, the telephone number of the entity's paratransit coordinator, an expiration date for eligibility, and any conditions or limitations on the individual's eligibility including the use of a personal care attendant.

(f) The entity may require recertification of the eligibility of CAA paratransit eligible individuals at reasonable intervals.

(g) The entity shall establish an administrative appeal process through which individuals who are denied eligibility can obtain review of the denial.

(1) The entity may require that an appeal be filed within 60 days of the denial of an individual's application.

(2) The process shall include an opportunity to be heard and to present information and arguments, separation of functions (i.e., a decision by a person not involved with the initial decision to deny eligibility), and written notification of the decision, and the reasons for it;

(3) The entity is not required to provide paratransit service to the individual pending the determination on appeal. However, if the entity has not made a decision within 30 days of the completion of the appeal process, the entity shall provide paratransit service from that time until and unless a decision to deny the appeal is issued.

(h) The entity may establish an administrative process to suspend, for a reasonable period of time, the provision of complementary paratransit service to CAA eligible individuals who establish a pattern or practice of missing scheduled trips.

(1) Trips missed by the individual for reasons beyond his or her control (including, but not limited to, trips which are missed due to operator error) shall not be a basis for determining that such a pattern or practice exists.

(2) Before suspending service, the entity shall take the following steps:

(i) Notify the individual in writing that the entity proposes to suspend service, citing with specificity the basis of the proposed suspension and setting forth the proposed sanction;

(ii) Provide the individual an opportunity to be heard and to present information and arguments;

(iii) Provide the individual with written notification of the decision and the reasons for it.

(3) The appeals process of paragraph (g) of this section is available to an individual on whom sanctions have been imposed under this paragraph. The sanction is stayed pending the outcome of the appeal.

(i) In applications for CAA paratransit eligibility, the entity may require the applicant to indicate whether or not he or she travels with a personal care attendant.

§37.127 Complementary paratransit service for visitors.

(a) Each public entity required to provide complementary paratransit service under § 37.121 of this part shall make the service available to visitors as provided in this section.

(b) For purposes of this section, a visitor is an individual with disabilities who does not reside in the jurisdiction(s) served by the public entity or other entities with which the public entity provides coordinated complementary paratransit service within a region.

(c) Each public entity shall treat as eligible for its complementary paratransit service all visitors who present documentation that they are CAA paratransit eligible, under the criteria of § 37.125 of this part, in the jurisdiction in which they reside.

(d) With respect to visitors with disabilities who do not present such documentation, the public entity may require the documentation of the individual's place of residence and, if the individual's disability is not apparent, of his or her disability. The entity shall provide paratransit service to individuals with disabilities who qualify as visitors under paragraph (b) of this section. The entity shall accept a certification by such individuals that they are unable to use fixed route transit.

(e) A public entity shall make the service to a visitor required by this section available for any combination of 21 days during any 365-day period beginning with the visitor's first use of the service during such 365-day period. In no case shall the public entity require a visitor to apply for or receive eligibility certification from the public entity before receiving the service required by this section.

§37.129 Types of service.

(a) Except as provided in this section, complementary paratransit service for CAA paratransit eligible persons shall be origin-to-destination service.

(b) Complementary paratransit service for CAA paratransit eligible persons described in §37.123(e)(2) of this part may also be provided by on-call bus service or paratransit feeder service to an accessible fixed route, where such service enables the individual to use the fixed route bus system for his or her trip.

(c) Complementary paratransit service for CAA eligible persons described in §37.123 (e)(3) of this part also may be provided by paratransit feeder service to and/or from an accessible fixed route.

§37.131 Service criteria for complementary paratransit.

The following service criteria apply to complementary paratransit required by §37.121 of this part.

(a) *Service Area*—(1) Bus. (i) The entity shall provide complementary paratransit service to origins and destinations within corridors with a width of three-fourths of a mile on each side of each fixed route. The corridor shall include an area with a three-fourths of a mile radius at the ends of each fixed route.

(ii) Within the core service area, the entity also shall provide service to small areas not inside any of the corridors but which are surrounded by corridors.

(iii) Outside the core service area, the entity may designate corridors with widths from three-fourths of a mile up to one and one-half miles on each side of a fixed route, based on local circumstances.

(iv) For purposes of this paragraph, the core service area is that area in which corridors with a width of three-fourths of a mile on each side of each fixed route merge together such that, with few and small exceptions, all origins and destinations within the area would be served.

(2) *Rail.* (i) For rail systems, the service area shall consist of a circle with a radius of a mile around each station.

(ii) At end stations and other stations in outlying areas, the entity may designate circles with radii of up to 1½ miles as part of its service area, based on local circumstances.

(3) *Jurisdictional Boundaries.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, an entity is not required to provide paratransit service in an area outside the boundaries of the jurisdiction(s) in which it operates, if the entity does not have legal authority to operate in that area. The entity shall take all practicable steps to provide paratransit service to any part of its service area.

(b) *Response Time.* The entity shall schedule and provide paratransit service to any CAA paratransit eligible person at any requested time on a particular day in response to a request for service made the previous day. Reservations may be taken by reservation agents or by mechanical means.

(1) The entity shall make reservation service available during at least all normal business hours of the entity's administrative offices, as well as during times, comparable to normal business hours, on a day when the entity's offices are not open before a service day.

(2) The entity may negotiate pickup times with the individual, but the entity shall not require a CAA paratransit eligible individual to schedule a trip to begin more than one hour before or after the individual's desired departure time.

(3) The entity may use real-time scheduling in providing complementary paratransit service.

(4) The entity may permit advance reservations to be made up to 14 days in advance of a CAA paratransit eligible individual's desired trips. When an entity proposes to change its reservations system, it shall comply with the public participation requirements equivalent to those of §37.131(b) and (c).

(c) *Fares.* The fare for a trip charged to a CAA paratransit eligible user of the complementary paratransit service shall not exceed twice the fare that would be charged to an individual paying full fare (i.e., without regard to discounts) for a trip of similar length, at a similar time of day, on the entity's fixed route system.

(1) In calculating the full fare that would be paid by an individual using the fixed route system, the entity may include transfer and premium charges applicable to a trip of similar length, at a similar time of day, on the fixed route system.

(2) The fares for individuals accompanying CAA paratransit eligible individuals, who are provided service under §37.123 (f) of this part, shall be the same as for the CAA paratransit eligible individuals they are accompanying.

(3) A personal care attendant shall not be charged for complementary paratransit service.

(4) The entity may charge a fare higher than otherwise permitted by this paragraph to a social service agency or other organization for agency trips (i.e., trips guaranteed to the organization).

(d) *Trip Purpose Restrictions.* The entity shall not impose restrictions or priorities based on trip purpose.

(e) *Hours and Days of Service.* The complementary paratransit service shall be available throughout the same hours and days as the entity's fixed route service.

(f) *Capacity Constraints.* The entity shall not limit the availability of complementary paratransit service to CAA paratransit eligible individuals by any of the following:

(1) Restrictions on the number of trips an individual will be provided;

(2) Waiting lists for access to the service; or

(3) Any operational pattern or practice that significantly limits the availability of service to CAA paratransit eligible persons.

(i) Such patterns or practices include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) Substantial numbers of significantly untimely pickups for initial or return trips;

(B) Substantial numbers of trip denials or missed trips;

(C) Substantial numbers of trips with excessive trip lengths.

(ii) Operational problems attributable to causes beyond the control of the entity (including, but not limited to, weather or traffic conditions affecting all vehicular traffic that were not anticipated at the time a trip was scheduled) shall not be a basis for determining that such a pattern or practice exists.

(g) *Additional Service.* Public entities may provide complementary paratransit service to CAA paratransit eligible individuals exceeding that provided for in this section. However, only the cost of service provided for in this section may be considered in a public entity's request for an undue financial burden waiver under §§37.151–37.155 of this part.

§37.133 Subscription Service.

(a) This part does not prohibit the use of subscription service by public entities as part of a complementary paratransit system, subject to the limitations in this section.

(b) Subscription service may not absorb more than fifty percent of the number of trips available at a given time of day, unless there is excess non-subscription capacity.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, the entity may establish waiting lists or other capacity constraints and trip purpose restrictions or priorities for participation in the subscription service only.

§37.135 Submission of paratransit plan.

(a) *General.* Each public entity operating fixed route transportation service, which is required by §37.121 to provide complementary paratransit service, shall develop a paratransit plan.

(b) *Initial Submission.* Except as provided in §37.141 of this part, each entity shall submit its initial plan for compliance with the complementary paratransit service provision by June 1, 1998, to the appropriate location identified in paragraph (f) of this section.

(c) *Annual Updates.* Except as provided in this paragraph, each entity shall submit its annual update to the plan on June 1 of each succeeding year.

(1) If an entity has met and is continuing to meet all requirements for complementary paratransit in §§37.121–37.133 of this part, the entity may submit to the General Counsel an annual certification of continued compliance in lieu of a plan update. Entities that have submitted a joint plan under §37.141 may submit a joint certification under this paragraph. The requirements of §§37.137(a) and (b), 37.138 and 37.139 do not apply when a certification is submitted under this paragraph.

(2) In the event of any change in circumstances that results in an entity which has submitted a certification of continued compliance falling short of compliance with §§37.121–37.133, the entity shall immediately notify the General Counsel in writing of the problem. In this case, the entity shall also file a plan update meeting the requirements of §§37.137–37.139 of this part on the next following June 1 and in each succeeding year until the entity returns to full compliance.

(3) An entity that has demonstrated undue financial burden to the General Counsel shall file a plan update meeting the requirements of §§37.137–37.139 of this part on each June 1 until full compliance with §§37.121–37.133 is attained.

(4) If the General Counsel reasonably believes that an entity may not be fully complying with all service criteria, the General Counsel may require the entity to provide an annual update to its plan.

(d) *Phase-in of Implementation.* Each plan shall provide for full compliance by no later than June 1, 2003, unless the entity has received a waiver based on undue financial burden. If the date for full compliance specified in the plan is after June 1, 1999, the plan shall include milestones, providing for measured, proportional progress toward full compliance.

(e) *Plan Implementation.* Each entity shall begin implementation of its plan on June 1, 1998.

(f) *Submission Locations.* An entity shall submit its plan to the General Counsel's office.

§37.137 Paratransit plan development.

(a) *Survey of existing services.* Each submitting entity shall survey the area to be covered by the plan to identify any person or entity (public or covered) which provides a paratransit or other special transportation service for CAA paratransit eligible individuals in the service area to which the plan applies.

(b) *Public participation.*

Each submitting entity shall ensure public participation in the development of its paratransit plan, including at least the following:

(1) *Outreach.* Each submitting entity shall solicit participation in the development of its plan by the widest range of persons anticipated to use its paratransit service. Each entity shall develop contacts, mailing lists and other appropriate means for notification of opportunities to participate in the development of the paratransit plan.

(2) *Consultation with individuals with disabilities.* Each entity shall contact individuals with disabilities and groups representing them in the community. Consultation shall begin at an early stage in the plan development and should involve persons with disabilities in all phases of plan development. All documents and other information concerning the planning procedure and the provision of service shall be available, upon request, to members of the pubic, except where disclosure would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(3) *Opportunity for public comment.* The submitting entity shall make its plan available for review before the plan is finalized. In making the plan available for public review, the entity shall ensure that the plan is available upon request in accessible formats.

(4) *Public hearing.* The entity shall sponsor at a minimum one public hearing and shall provide adequate notice of the hearing, including advertisement in appropriate media, such as newspapers of general and special interest circulation and radio announcements; and

(5) *Special requirements.* If the entity intends to phase-in its paratransit service over a multi-year period, or request a waiver based on undue financial burden, the public hearing shall afford the opportunity for interested citizens to express their views concerning the phase-in, the request, and which service criteria may be delayed in implementation.

(c) *Ongoing requirement.* The entity shall create an ongoing mechanism for the participation of individuals with disabilities in the continued development and assessment of services to persons with disabilities. This includes, but is not limited to, the development of the initial plan, any request for an undue financial burden waiver, and each annual submission.

§37.139 Plan contents.

Each plan shall contain the following information:

(a) Identification of the entity or entities submitting the plan, specifying for each

(1) Name and address; and

(2) Contact person for the plan, with telephone number and facsimile telephone number (FAX), if applicable.

(b) A description of the fixed route system as of January 1, 1997 (or subsequent year for annual updates), including—

(1) A description of the service area, route structure, days and hours of service, fare structure, and population served. This includes maps and tables, if appropriate;

(2) The total number of vehicles (bus, van, or rail) operated in fixed route service (including contracted service), and percentage of accessible vehicles and percentage of routes accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, including persons who use wheelchairs;

(3) Any other information about the fixed route service that is relevant to establishing the basis for comparability of fixed route and paratransit service.

(c) A description of existing paratransit services, including:

(1) An inventory of service provided by the public entity submitting the plan;

(2) An inventory of service provided by other agencies or organizations, which may in whole or in part be used to meet the requirement for complementary paratransit service; and

(3) A description of the available paratransit services in paragraphs (c)(2) and (c)(3) of this section as they relate to the service criteria described in §37.131 of this part of service area, response time, fares, restrictions on trip purpose, hours and days of service, and capacity constraints; and to the requirements of CAA paratransit eligibility.

(d) A description of the plan to provide comparable paratransit, including:

(1) An estimate of demand for comparable paratransit service by CAA eligible individuals and a brief description of the demand estimation methodology used;

(2) An analysis of differences between the paratransit service currently provided and what is required under this part by the entity(ies) submitting the plan and other entities, as described in paragraph (c) of this section;

(3) A brief description of planned modifications to existing paratransit and fixed route service and the new paratransit service planned to comply with the CAA paratransit service criteria;

(4) A description of the planned comparable paratransit service as it relates to each of the service criteria described in §37.131 of this part-service area, absence of restrictions or priorities based on trip purpose, response time, fares, hours and days of service, and lack of capacity constraints. If the paratransit plan is to be phased in, this paragraph shall be coordinated with the information being provided in paragraphs (d)(5) and (d)(6) of this paragraph;

(5) A timetable for implementing comparable paratransit service, with a specific date indicating when the planned service will be completely operational. In no case may full implementation be completed later than June 1, 2003. The plan shall include milestones for implementing phases of the plan, with progress that can be objectively measured yearly;

(6) A budget for comparable paratransit service, including capital and operating expenditures over five years.

(e) A description of the process used to certify individuals with disabilities as CAA paratransit eligible. At a minimum, this must include—

(1) A description of the application and certification process, including—

(i) The availability of information about the process and application materials in accessible formats;

(ii) The process for determining eligibility according to the provisions of §§37.123–37.125 of this part and notifying individuals of the determination made;

(iii) The entity's system and timetable for processing applications and allowing presumptive eligibility; and

(iv) The documentation given to eligible individuals.

(2) A description of the administrative appeals process for individuals denied eligibility.

(3) A policy for visitors, consistent with §37.127 of this part.

(f) Description of the public participation process including—

(1) Notice given of opportunity for public comment, the date(s) of completed public hearing(s), availability of the plan in accessible formats, outreach efforts, and consultation with persons with disabilities.

(2) A summary of significant issues raised during the public comment period, along with a response to significant comments and discussion of how the issues were resolved.

(g) Efforts to coordinate service with other entities subject to the complementary paratransit requirements of this part which have overlapping or contiguous service areas or jurisdictions.

(h) The following endorsements or certifications:

(1) a resolution adopted by the entity authorizing the plan, as submitted. If more than one entity is submitting the plan there must be an authorizing resolution from each board. If the entity does not function with a board, a statement shall be submitted by the entity's chief executive;

(2) a certification that the survey of existing paratransit service was conducted as required in § 37.137(a) of this part;

(3) To the extent service provided by other entities is included in the entity's plan for comparable paratransit service, the entity must certify that:

(i) CAA paratransit eligible individuals have access to the service;

(ii) The service is provided in the manner represented; and

(iii) Efforts will be made to coordinate the provision of paratransit service by other providers.

(i) a request for a waiver based on undue financial burden, if applicable. The waiver request should include information sufficient for the General Counsel to consider the factors in § 37.155 of this part. If a request for an undue financial burden waiver is made, the plan must include a description of additional paratransit services that would be provided to achieve full compliance with the requirement for comparable paratransit in the event the waiver is not granted, and the timetable for the implementation of these additional services.

(j) *Annual plan updates.* (1) The annual plan updates submitted June 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, shall include information necessary to update the information requirements of this section. Information submitted annually must include all significant changes and revisions to the timetable for implementation;

(2) If the paratransit service is being phased in over more than one year, the entity must demonstrate that the milestones identified in the current paratransit plans have been achieved. If the milestones have not been achieved, the plan must explain any slippage and what actions are being taken to compensate for the slippage.

(3) The annual plan must describe specifically the means used to comply with the public participation requirements, as described in § 37.137 of this part.

§37.141 Requirements for a joint paratransit plan.

(a) Two or more public entities with overlapping or contiguous service areas or jurisdictions may develop and submit a joint plan providing for coordinated paratransit service. Joint plans shall identify the participating entities and indicate their commitment to participate in the plan.

(b) To the maximum extent feasible, all elements of the coordinated plan shall be submitted on June 1, 1998. If a coordinated plan is not completed by June 1, 1998, those entities intending to coordinate paratransit service must submit a general statement declaring their intention to provide coordinated service and each element of the plan specified in § 37.139 to the extent practicable. In addition, the plan must include the following certifications from each entity involved in the coordination effort:

(1) a certification that the entity is committed to providing CAA paratransit service as part of a coordinated plan.

(2) a certification from each public entity participating in the plan that it will maintain current levels of paratransit service until the coordinated plan goes into effect.

(c) Entities submitting the above certifications and plan elements in lieu of a completed plan on June 1, 1998, must submit a complete plan by December 1, 1998.

(d) Filing of an individual plan does not preclude an entity from cooperating with other entities in the development or implementation of a joint plan. An entity wishing to join with other entities after its initial submission may do so by meeting the filing requirements of this section.

§37.143 Paratransit plan implementation.

(a) Each entity shall begin implementation of its complementary paratransit plan, pending notice from the General Counsel. The implementation of the plan shall be consistent with the terms of the plan, including any specified phase-in period.

(b) If the plan contains a request for a waiver based on undue financial burden, the entity shall begin implementation of its plan, pending a determination on its waiver request.

§37.145 [Reserved]

§37.147 Considerations during General Counsel review.

In reviewing each plan, at a minimum the General Counsel will consider the following:

(a) Whether the plan was filed on time;

(b) Comments submitted by the state, if applicable;

(c) Whether the plan contains responsive elements for each component required under § 37.139 of this part;

(d) Whether the plan, when viewed in its entirety, provides for paratransit service comparable to the entity's fixed route service;

(e) Whether the entity complied with the public participation efforts required by this part; and

(f) The extent to which efforts were made to coordinate with other public entities with overlapping or contiguous service areas or jurisdictions.

§37.149 Disapproved plans.

(a) If a plan is disapproved in whole or in part, the General Counsel will specify which provisions are disapproved. Each entity shall amend its plan consistent with this information and resubmit the plan to the General Counsel's office within 90 days of receipt of the disapproval letter.

(b) Each entity revising its plan shall continue to comply with the public participation requirements applicable to the initial development of the plan (set out in §37.137 of this part).

§37.151 Waiver for undue financial burden.

If compliance with the service criteria of §37.131 of this part creates an undue financial burden, an entity may request a waiver from all or some of the provisions if the entity has complied with the public participation requirements in §37.137 of this part and if the following conditions apply:

(a) At the time of submission of the initial plan on June 1, 1998

(1) The entity determines that it cannot meet all of the service criteria by June 1, 2003; or

(2) The entity determines that it cannot make measured progress toward compliance in any year before full compliance is required. For purposes of this part, measured progress means implementing milestones as scheduled, such as incorporating an additional paratransit service criterion or improving an aspect of a specific service criterion.

(b) At the time of its annual plan update submission, if the entity believes that circumstances have changed since its last submission, and it is no longer able to comply by June 1, 2003, or make measured progress in any year before 2003, as described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

§37.153 General Counsel waiver determination.

(a) The General Counsel will determine whether to grant a waiver for undue financial burden on a case-by-case basis, after considering the factors identified in §37.155 of this part and the information accompanying the request. If necessary, the General Counsel will return the application with a request for additional information.

(b) Any waiver granted will be for a limited and specified period of time. (c) If the General Counsel grants the applicant a waiver, the General Counsel will do one of the following:

(1) Require the public entity to provide complementary paratransit to the extent it can do so without incurring an undue financial burden. The entity shall make changes in its plan that the General Counsel determines are appropriate to maximize the complementary paratransit service that is provided to CAA paratransit eligible individuals. When making changes to its plan, the entity shall use the public participation process specified for plan development and shall consider first a reduction in number of trips provided to each CAA paratransit eligible person per month, while attempting to meet all other service criteria.

(2) Require the public entity to provide basic complementary paratransit services to all CAA paratransit eligible individuals, even if doing so would cause the public entity to incur an undue financial burden. Basic complementary paratransit service shall include at least complementary paratransit service in corridors defined as provided in § 37.131(a) along the public entity's key routes during core service hours.

(i) For purposes of this section, key routes are defined as routes along which there is service at least hourly throughout the day.

(ii) For purposes of this section, core service hours encompass at least peak periods, as these periods are defined locally for fixed route service, consistent with industry practice.

(3) If the General Counsel determines that the public entity will incur an undue financial burden as the result of providing basic complementary paratransit service, such that it is infeasible for the entity to provide basic complementary paratransit service, the Administrator shall require the public entity to coordinate with other available providers of demand responsive service in

the area served by the public entity to maximize the service to CAA paratransit eligible individuals to the maximum extent feasible.

§ 37.155 Factors in decision to grant an undue financial burden waiver.

(a) In making an undue financial burden determination, the General Counsel will consider the following factors:

(1) Effects on current fixed route service, including reallocation of accessible fixed route vehicles and potential reduction in service, measured by service miles;

(2) Average number of trips made by the entity's general population, on a per capita basis, compared with the average number of trips to be made by registered CAA paratransit eligible persons, on a per capita basis;

(3) Reductions in other services, including other special services;

(4) Increases in fares;

(5) Resources available to implement complementary paratransit service over the period covered by the plan;

(6) Percentage of budget needed to implement the plan, both as a percentage of operating budget and a percentage of entire budget;

(7) The current level of accessible service, both fixed route and paratransit;

(8) Cooperation/coordination among area transportation providers;

(9) Evidence of increased efficiencies, that have been or could be effectuated, that would benefit the level and quality of available resources for complementary paratransit service; and

(10) Unique circumstances in the submitting entity's area that affect the ability of the entity to provide paratransit, that militate against the need to provide paratransit, or in some other respect create a circumstance considered exceptional by the submitting entity.

(b)(1) Costs attributable to complementary paratransit shall be limited to costs of providing service specifically required by this part to CAA paratransit eligible individuals, by entities responsible under this part for providing such service.

(2) If the entity determines that it is impracticable to distinguish between trips mandated by the CAA and other trips on a trip-by-trip basis, the entity shall attribute to CAA complementary paratransit requirements a percentage of its overall paratransit costs. This percentage shall be determined by a statistically valid methodology that determines the percentage of trips that are required by this part. The entity shall submit information concerning its methodology and the data on which its percentage is based with its request for a waiver. Only costs attributable to CAA-mandated trips may be considered with respect to a request for an undue financial burden waiver.

(3) Funds to which the entity would be legally entitled, but which, as a matter of state or local funding arrangements, are provided to another entity and used by that entity to provide paratransit service which is part of a coordinated system of paratransit meeting the requirements of this part, may be counted in determining the burden associated with the waiver request.

SUBPART G—PROVISION OF SERVICE

§ 37.161 Maintenance of accessible features: general.

(a) Public and covered entities providing transportation services shall maintain in operative condition those features of facilities and vehicles that are required to make the vehicles and facilities readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. These features include, but are not limited to, lifts and other means of access to vehicles, securement devices, elevators, signage and systems to facilitate communications with persons with impaired vision or hearing.

(b) Accessibility features shall be repaired promptly if they are damaged or out of order. When an accessibility feature is out of order, the entity shall take reasonable steps to accommodate individuals with disabilities who would otherwise use the feature.

(c) This section does not prohibit isolated or temporary interruptions in service or access due to maintenance or repairs.

§ 37.163 Keeping vehicle lifts in operative condition: public entities.

(a) This section applies only to public entities with respect to lifts in non-rail vehicles.

(b) The entity shall establish a system of regular and frequent maintenance checks of lifts sufficient to determine if they are operative.

(c) The entity shall ensure that vehicle operators report to the entity, by the most immediate means available, any failure of a lift to operate in service.

(d) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this section, when a lift is discovered to be inoperative, the entity shall take the vehicle out of service before the beginning of the vehicle's next service day and ensure that the lift is repaired before the vehicle returns to service.

(e) If there is no spare vehicle available to take the place of a vehicle with an inoperable lift, such that taking the vehicle out of service will reduce the transportation service the entity is able to provide, the public entity may keep the vehicle in service with an inoperable lift for no more than five days (if the entity serves an area of 50,000 or less population) or three days (if the entity serves an area of over 50,000 population) from the day on which the lift is discovered to be inoperative.

(f) In any case in which a vehicle is operating on a fixed route with an inoperative lift, and the headway to the next accessible vehicle on the route exceeds 30 minutes, the entity shall promptly provide alternative transportation to individuals with disabilities who are unable to use the vehicle because its lift does not work.

§37.165 Lift and securement use.

(a) This section applies to public and covered entities.

(b) All common wheelchairs and their users shall be transported in the entity's vehicles or other conveyances. The entity is not required to permit wheelchairs to ride in places other than designated securement locations in the vehicle, where such locations exist.

(c)(1) For vehicles complying with part 38 of these regulations, the entity shall use the securement system to secure wheelchairs as provided in that part.

(2) For other vehicles transporting individuals who use wheelchairs, the entity shall provide and use a securement system to ensure that the wheelchair remains within the securement area.

(3) The entity may require that an individual permit his or her wheelchair to be secured.

(d) The entity may not deny transportation to a wheelchair or its user on the ground that the device cannot be secured or restrained satisfactorily by the vehicle's securement system.

(e) The entity may recommend to a user of a wheelchair that the individual transfer to a vehicle seat. The entity may not require the individual to transfer.

(f) Where necessary or upon request, the entity's personnel shall assist individuals with disabilities with the use of securement systems, ramps and lifts. If it is necessary for the personnel to leave their seats to provide this assistance, they shall do so.

(g) The entity shall permit individuals with disabilities who do not use wheelchairs, including standees, to use a vehicle's lift or ramp to enter the vehicle. Provided that an entity is not required to permit such individuals to use a lift Model 141 manufactured by EEC, Inc. If the entity chooses not to allow such individuals to use such a lift, it shall clearly notify consumers of this fact by signage on the exterior of the vehicle (adjacent to and of equivalent size with the accessibility symbol).

§ 37.167 Other service requirements

(a) This section applies to public and covered entities.

(b) On fixed route systems, the entity shall announce stops as follows:

(1) The entity shall announce at least at transfer points with other fixed routes, other major intersections and destination points, and intervals along a route sufficient to permit individuals with visual impairments or other disabilities to be oriented to their location.

(2) The entity shall announce any stop on request of an individual with a disability.

(c) Where vehicles or other conveyances for more than one route serve the same stop, the entity shall provide a means by which an individual with a visual impairment or other disability can identify the proper vehicle to enter or be identified to the vehicle operator as a person seeking a ride on a particular route.

(d) The entity shall permit service animals to accompany individuals with disabilities in vehicles and facilities.

(e) The entity shall ensure that vehicle operators and other personnel make use of accessibility-related equipment or features required by part 38 of these regulations.

(f) The entity shall make available to individuals with disabilities adequate information concerning transportation services. This obligation includes making adequate communications capacity available, through accessible formats and technology, to enable users to obtain information and schedule service.

(g) The entity shall not refuse to permit a passenger who uses a lift to disembark from a vehicle at any designated stop, unless the lift cannot be deployed, the lift will be damaged if it is deployed, or temporary conditions at the stop, not under the control of the entity, preclude the safe use of the stop by all passengers.

(h) The entity shall not prohibit an individual with a disability from traveling with a respirator or portable oxygen supply, consistent with applicable Department of Transportation rules on the transportation of hazardous materials.

(i) The entity shall ensure that adequate time is provided to allow individuals with disabilities to complete boarding or disembarking from the vehicle.

(j)(1) When an individual with a disability enters a vehicle, and because of a disability, the individual needs to sit in a seat or occupy a wheelchair securement location, the entity shall ask the following person to move in order to allow the individual with a disability to occupy the seat or securement location:

(i) Individuals, except other individuals with a disability or elderly persons, sitting in a location designated as priority seating for elderly and handicapped persons (or other seat as necessary);

(ii) Individuals sitting in or a fold-down or other movable seat in a wheelchair securement location.

(2) This requirement applies to light rail and rapid rail systems only to the extent practicable.

(3) The entity is not required to enforce the request that other passengers move from priority seating areas or wheelchair securement locations.

(4) In all signage designating priority seating areas for elderly persons or persons with disabilities, or designating wheelchair securement areas, the entity shall include language informing persons siting in these locations that they should comply with requests by transit provider personnel to vacate their seats to make room for an individual with a disability. This requirement applies to all fixed route vehicles when they are acquired by the entity or to new or replacement signage in the entity's existing fixed route vehicles.

§ 37.169 Interim requirements for over-the-road bus service operated by covered entities.

(a) Covered entities operating over-the-road buses, in addition to compliance with other applicable provisions of this part, shall provide accessible service as provided in this section.

(b) The covered entity shall provide assistance, as needed, to individuals with disabilities in boarding and disembarking, including moving to and from the bus seat for the purpose of boarding and disembarking. The covered entity shall ensure that personnel are trained to provide this assistance safely and appropriately.

(c) To the extent that they can be accommodated in the areas of the passenger compartment provided for passengers' personal effects, wheelchairs or other mobility aids and assistive devices used by individuals with disabilities, or components of such devices, shall be permitted in the passenger compartment. When the bus is at rest at a stop, the driver or other personnel shall assist individuals with disabilities with the stowage and retrieval of mobility aids, assistive devices, or other items that can be accommodated in the passenger compartment of the bus.

(d) Wheelchairs and other mobility aids or assistive devices that cannot be accommodated in the passenger compartment (including electric wheelchairs) shall be accommodated in the baggage compartment of the bus, unless the size of the baggage compartment prevents such accommodation.

(e) At any given stop, individuals with disabilities shall have the opportunity to have their wheelchairs or other mobility aids or assistive devices stowed in the baggage compartment before other baggage or cargo is loaded, but baggage or cargo already on the bus does not have to be off-loaded in order to make room for such devices.

(f) The entity may require up to 48 hours' advance notice only for providing boarding assistance. If the individual does not provide such notice, the entity shall nonetheless provide the service if it can do so by making a reasonable effort, without delaying the bus service.

§ 37.171 Equivalency requirement for demand responsive service operated by covered entities not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people.

A covered entity not primarily engaged in the business of transporting people which operates a demand responsive system shall ensure that its system, when viewed in its entirety, provides equivalent service to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, as it does to individuals without disabilities. The standards of §37.105 shall be used to determine if the entity is providing equivalent service.

§ 37.173 Training.

Each public or covered entity which operates a fixed route or demand responsive system shall ensure that personnel are trained to proficiency, as appropriate to their duties, so that they operate vehicles and equipment safely and properly assist and treat individuals with disabilities who use the service in a respectful and courteous way, with appropriate attention to the differences among individuals with disabilities.

Appendix A to Part 37—Standards for Accessible Transportation Facilities

[Copies of this appendix may be obtained from the Office of Compliance, Room LA 200, John Adams Building, 110 Second Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540-1999.]

Appendix B to Part 37—Certifications

Certification of Equivalent Service

The (name of agency) certifies that its demand responsive service offered to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, is equivalent to the level and quality of service offered to individuals without disabilities. Such service, when viewed in its entirety, is provided in the most integrated setting feasible and is equivalent with respect to:

(1) Response time;
(2) Fares;
(3) Geographic service area;
(4) Hours and days of service;
(5) Restrictions on trip purpose;
(6) Availability of information and reservation capability; and
(7) Constraints on capacity or service availability.

This certification is valid for no longer than one year from its date of filing.

signature

name of authorized official

title

date

Existing Paratransit Service Survey

This is to certify that (name of public entity (ies)) has conducted a survey of existing paratransit services as required by section 37.137 (a) of the CAA regulations.

signature

name of authorized official

title

date

Included Service Certification

This is to certify that service provided by other entities but included in the CAA paratransit plan submitted by (name of submitting entity (ies)) meets the requirements of part 37, subpart F of the CAA regulations providing that CAA eligible individuals have access to the service; the service is provided in the manner represented; and, that efforts will be made to coordinate the provision of paratransit service offered by other providers.

signature

name of authorized official

title

date

Joint Plan Certification I

This is to certify that (name of entity covered by joint plan) is committed to providing CAA paratransit service as part of this coordinated plan and in conformance with the requirements of part 37 subpart F of the CAA regulations.

signature

name of authorized official

title

date

Joint Plan Certification II

This is to certify that (name of entity covered by joint plan) will, in accordance with section 37.141 of the CAA regulations, maintain current levels of paratransit service until the coordinated plan goes into effect.

signature

name of authorized official

title

date

Part 38—Congressional Accountability Act [CAA] Accessibility Guidelines for Transportation Vehicles

Subpart A—General

Subpart B—Buses, Vans and Systems

Subpart C—Rapid Rail Vehicles and Systems

Subpart D—Light Rail Vehicles and Systems

Subpart F—Over-the-Road Buses and Systems

Subpart G—Other Vehicles and Systems

Appendix to Part 38—Guidance Material

SUBPART A—GENERAL

§ 38.1 Purpose.

This part provides minimum guidelines and requirements for accessibility standards

in part 37 of these regulations for transportation vehicles required to be accessible by section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act (2 U.S.C. 1331, *et seq.*) which, *inter alia*, applies the rights and protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*) to covered entities within the Legislative Branch.

§ 38.2 Equivalent facilitation.

Departures from particular technical and scoping requirements of these guidelines by use of other designs and technologies are permitted where the alternative designs and technologies used will provide substantially equivalent or greater access to and usability of the vehicle. Departures are to be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Office of Compliance under the procedure set forth in §37.7 of these regulations.

§ 38.3 Definitions.

See §37.3 of these regulations.

§ 38.4 Miscellaneous instructions.

(a) *Dimensional conventions.* Dimensions that are not noted as minimum or maximum are absolute.

(b) *Dimensional tolerances.* All dimensions are subject to conventional engineering tolerances for material properties and field conditions, including normal anticipated wear not exceeding accepted industry-wide standards and practices.

(c) *Notes.* The text of these guidelines does not contain notes or footnotes. Additional information, explanations, and advisory materials are located in the Appendix.

(d) *General terminology.* (1) *Comply with* means meet one or more specification of these guidelines.

(2) *If,* or *if * * * then* denotes a specification that applies only when the conditions described are present.

(3) *May* denotes an option or alternative.

(4) *Shall* denotes a mandatory specification or requirement.

(5) *Should* denotes an advisory specification or recommendation and is used only in the appendix to this part.

SUBPART B—BUSES, VANS AND SYSTEMS

§ 38.21 General.

(a) New, used or remanufactured buses and vans (except over-the-road buses covered by subpart G of this part), to be considered accessible by regulations issued by the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance in part 37 of these regulations, shall comply with the applicable provisions of this subpart.

(b) If portions of the vehicle are modified in a way that affects or could affect accessibility, each such portion shall comply, to the extent practicable, with the applicable provisions of this subpart. This provision does not require that inaccessible buses be retrofitted with lifts, ramps or other boarding devices.

§ 38.23 Mobility aid accessibility.

(a) *General.* All vehicles covered by this subpart shall provide a level-change mechanism or boarding device (e.g., lift or ramp) complying with paragraph (b) or (c) of this section and sufficient clearances to permit a wheelchair or other mobility aid user to reach a securement location. At least two securement locations and devices, complying with paragraph (d) of this section, shall be provided on vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length; at least one securement location and device, complying with paragraph (d) of this section, shall be provided on vehicles 22 feet in length or less.

(b) *Vehicle lift*—(1) *Design load.* The design load of the lift shall be at least 600 pounds. Working parts, such as cables, pulleys, and shafts, which can be expected to wear, and upon which the lift depends for support of the load, shall have a safety factor of at least six, based on the ultimate strength of the material. Nonworking parts, such as platform, frame, and attachment hardware which would not be expected to wear, shall have a safety factor of at least three, based on the ultimate strength of the material.

(2) *Controls*—(i) *Requirements.* The controls shall be interlocked with the vehicle brakes, transmission, or door, or shall provide other appropriate mechanisms or systems, to ensure that the vehicle cannot be moved when the lift is not stowed and so the lift cannot be deployed unless the interlocks or systems are engaged. The lift shall deploy to all levels (i.e., ground, curb, and intermediate positions) normally encountered in the operating environment. Where provided, each control for deploying, lowering, raising, and stowing the lift and lowering the roll-off barrier shall be of a momentary contact type requiring continuous manual pressure by the operator and shall not allow improper lift sequencing when the lift platform is occupied. The controls shall allow reversal of the lift operation sequence, such as raising or lowering a platform that is part way down, without allowing an occupied platform to fold or retract into the stowed position.

(ii) *Exception.* Where the lift is designed to deploy with its long dimension parallel to the vehicle axis and which pivots into or out of the vehicle while occupied (i.e., ''rotary lift''), the requirements of this paragraph prohibiting the lift from being stowed while occupied shall not apply if the stowed position is within the passenger compartment and the lift is intended to be stowed while occupied.

(3) *Emergency operation.* The lift shall incorporate an emergency method of deploying, lowering to ground level with a lift occupant, and raising and stowing the empty lift if the power to the lift fails. No emergency method, manual or otherwise, shall be capable of being operated in a manner that could be hazardous to the lift occupant or to the operator when operated according to manufacturer's instructions, and shall not permit the platform to be stowed or folded when occupied, unless the lift is a rotary lift and is intended to be stowed while occupied.

(4) *Power or equipment failure.* Platforms stowed in a vertical position, and deployed platforms when occupied, shall have provisions to prevent their deploying, falling, or folding any faster than 12 inches/second or their dropping of an occupant in the event of a single failure of any load carrying component.

(5) *Platform barriers.* The lift platform shall be equipped with barriers to prevent any of the wheels of a wheelchair or mobility aid from rolling off the platform during its operation. A movable barrier or inherent design feature shall prevent a wheelchair or mobility aid from rolling off the edge closest to the vehicle until the platform is in its fully raised position. Each side of the lift platform which extends beyond the vehicle in its raised position shall have a barrier a minimum 1½ inches high. Such barriers shall not interfere with maneuvering into or out of the aisle. The loading-edge barrier (outer barrier) which functions as a loading ramp when the lift is at ground level, shall be sufficient when raised or closed, or a supplementary system shall be provided, to prevent a power wheelchair or mobility aid from riding over or defeating it. The outer barrier of the lift shall automatically raise or close, or a supplementary system shall automatically engage, and remain raised, closed, or engaged at all times that the platform is more than 3 inches above the roadway or sidewalk and the platform is occupied. Alternatively, a barrier or system may be raised, lowered, opened, closed, engaged, or disengaged by the lift operator, provided an interlock or inherent design feature prevents the lift from rising unless the barrier is raised or closed or the supplementary system is engaged.

(6) *Platform surface.* The platform surface shall be free of any protrusions over ¼ inch high and shall be slip resistant. The platform shall have a minimum clear width of 28½ inches at the platform, a minimum clear width of 30 inches measured from 2 inches above the platform surface to 30 inches above the platform, and a minimum clear length of 48 inches measured from 2 inches above the surface of the platform to 30 inches above the surface of the platform. (See Fig. 1)

(7) *Platform gaps.* Any openings between the platform surface and the raised barriers shall not exceed ⅝ inch in width. When the platform is at vehicle floor height with the inner barrier (if applicable) down or retracted, gaps between the forward lift platform edge and the vehicle floor shall not exceed ½ inch horizontally and ⅝ inch vertically. Platforms on semiautomatic lifts may have a hand hold not exceeding 1½ inches by 4½ inches located between the edge barriers.

(8) *Platform entrance ramp.* The entrance ramp, or loading-edge barrier used as a ramp, shall not exceed a slope of 1:8, measured on level ground, for a maximum rise of 3 inches, and the transition from roadway or sidewalk to ramp may be vertical without edge treatment up to ¼ inch. Thresholds between ¼ inch and ½ inch high shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2.

(9) *Platform deflection.* The lift platform (not including the entrance ramp) shall not deflect more than 3 degrees (exclusive of vehicle roll or pitch) in any direction between its unloaded position and its position when loaded with 600 pounds applied through a 26 inch by 26 inch test pallet at the centroid of the platform.

(10) *Platform movement.* No part of the platform shall move at a rate exceeding 6 inches/second during lowering and lifting an occupant, and shall not exceed 12 inches/second during deploying or stowing. This requirement does not apply to the deployment or stowage cycles of lifts that are manually deployed or stowed. The maximum platform horizontal and vertical acceleration when occupied shall be 0.3g.

(11) *Boarding direction.* The lift shall permit both inboard and outboard facing of wheelchair and mobility aid users.

(12) *Use by standees.* Lifts shall accommodate persons using walkers, crutches, canes or braces or who otherwise have difficulty using steps. The platform may be marked to indicate a preferred standing position.

(13) *Handrails.* Platforms on lifts shall be equipped with handrails on two sides, which move in tandem with the lift, and which shall be graspable and provide support to standees throughout the entire lift operation. Handrails shall have a usable component at least 8 inches long with the lowest portion a minimum 30 inches above the platform and the highest portion a maximum 38 inches above the platform. The handrails shall be capable of withstanding a force of 100 pounds concentrated at any point on the handrail without permanent deformation of the rail or its supporting structure. The handrail shall have a cross-sectional diameter between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches or shall provide an equivalent grasping surface, and have eased edges with corner radii of not less than ⅛ inch. Handrails shall be placed to provide a minimum 1½ inches knuckle clearance from the nearest adjacent surface. Handrails shall not interfere with wheelchair or mobility aid maneuverability when entering or leaving the vehicle.

(c) *Vehicle ramp*—(1) *Design load.* Ramps 30 inches or longer shall support a load of 600

pounds, placed at the centroid of the ramp distributed over an area of 26 inches by 26 inches, with a safety factor of at least 3 based on the ultimate strength of the material. Ramps shorter than 30 inches shall support a load of 300 pounds.

(2) *Ramp surface.* The ramp surface shall be continuous and slip resistant; shall not have protrusions from the surface greater than ¼ inch high; shall have a clear width of 30 inches; and shall accommodate both four-wheel and three-wheel mobility aids.

(3) *Ramp threshold.* The transition from roadway or sidewalk and the transition from vehicle floor to the ramp may be vertical without edge treatment up to ¼ inch. Changes in level between ¼ inch and ½ inch shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2.

(4) *Ramp barriers.* Each side of the ramp shall have barriers at least 2 inches high to prevent mobility aid wheels from slipping off.

(5) *Slope.* Ramps shall have the least slope practicable and shall not exceed 1:4 when deployed to ground level. If the height of the vehicle floor from which the ramp is deployed is 3 inches or less above a 6-inch curb, a maximum slope of 1:4 is permitted; if the height of the vehicle floor from which the ramp is deployed is 6 inches or less, but greater than 3 inches, above a 6-inch curb, a maximum slope of 1:6 is permitted; if the height of the vehicle floor from which the ramp is deployed is 9 inches or less, but greater than 6 inches, above a 6-inch curb, a maximum slope of 1:8 is permitted; if the height of the vehicle floor from which the ramp is deployed is greater than 9 inches above a 6-inch curb, a slope of 1:12 shall be achieved. Folding or telescoping ramps are permitted provided they meet all structural requirements of this section.

(6) *Attachment.* When in use for boarding or alighting, the ramp shall be firmly attached to the vehicle so that it is not subject to displacement when loading or unloading a heavy power mobility aid and that no gap between vehicle and ramp exceeds inch.

(7) *Stowage.* A compartment, securement system, or other appropriate method shall be provided to ensure that stowed ramps, including portable ramps stowed in the passenger area, do not impinge on a passenger's wheelchair or mobility aid or pose any hazard to passengers in the event of a sudden stop or maneuver.

(8) *Handrails.* If provided, handrails shall allow persons with disabilities to grasp them from outside the vehicle while starting to board, and to continue to use them throughout the boarding process, and shall have the top between 30 inches and 38 inches above the ramp surface. The handrails shall be capable of withstanding a force of 100 pounds concentrated at any point on the handrail without permanent deformation of the rail or its supporting structure. The handrail shall have a cross-sectional diameter between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches or shall provide an equivalent grasping surface, and have eased edges with corner radii of not less than inch. Handrails shall not interfere with wheelchair or mobility aid maneuverability when entering or leaving the vehicle.

(d) *Securement devices*—(1) *Design load.* Securement systems on vehicles with GVWRs of 30,000 pounds or above, and their attachments to such vehicles, shall restrain a force in the forward longitudinal direction of up to 2,000 pounds per securement leg or clamping mechanism and a minimum of 4,000 pounds for each mobility aid. Securement systems on vehicles with GVWRs of up to 30,000 pounds, and their attachments to such vehicles, shall restrain a force in the forward longitudinal direction of up to 2,500 pounds per securement leg or clamping mechanism and a minimum of 5,000 pounds for each mobility aid.

(2) *Location and size.* The securement system shall be placed as near to the accessible entrance as practicable and shall have a clear floor area of 30 inches by 48 inches. Such space shall adjoin, and may overlap, an access path. Not more than 6 inches of the required clear floor space may be accommodated for footrests under another seat provided there is a minimum of 9 inches from the floor to the lowest part of the seat overhanging the space. Securement areas may have fold-down seats to accommodate other passengers when a wheelchair or mobility aid is not occupying the area, provided the seats, when folded up, do not obstruct the clear floor space required.

(3) *Mobility aids accommodated.* The securement system shall secure common wheelchairs and mobility aids and shall either be automatic or easily attached by a person familiar with the system and mobility aid and having average dexterity.

(4) *Orientation.* In vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length, at least one securement device or system required by paragraph (a) of this section shall secure the wheelchair or mobility aid facing toward the front of the vehicle. In vehicles 22 feet in length or less, the required securement device may secure the wheelchair or mobility aid either facing toward the front of the vehicle or rearward. Additional securement devices or systems shall secure the wheelchair or mobility aid facing forward or rearward. Where the wheelchair or mobility aid is secured facing the rear of the vehicle, a padded barrier shall be provided. The padded barrier shall extend from a height of 38 inches from the vehicle floor to a height of 56 inches from the vehicle floor with a width of 18 inches, laterally centered immediately in back of the seated individual. Such barriers need not be solid provided equivalent protection is afforded.

(5) *Movement.* When the wheelchair or mobility aid is secured in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, the securement system shall limit the movement of an occupied wheelchair or mobility aid to no more than 2 inches in any direction under normal vehicle operating conditions.

(6) *Stowage.* When not being used for securement, or when the securement area can be used by standees, the securement system shall not interfere with passenger movement, shall not present any hazardous condition, shall be reasonably protected from vandalism, and shall be readily accessed when needed for use.

(7) *Seat belt and shoulder harness.* For each wheelchair or mobility aid securement device provided, a passenger seat belt and shoulder harness, complying with all applicable provisions of part 571 of title 49 CFR, shall also be provided for use by wheelchair or mobility aid users. Such seat belts and shoulder harnesses shall not be used in lieu of a device which secures the wheelchair or mobility aid itself.

§ 38.25 Doors, steps and thresholds.

(a) *Slip resistance.* All aisles, steps, floor areas where people walk and floors in securement locations shall have slip-resistant surfaces.

(b) *Contrast.* All step edges, thresholds, and the boarding edge of ramps or lift platforms shall have a band of color(s) running the full width of the step or edge which contrasts from the step tread and riser, or lift or ramp surface, either light-on-dark or dark-on-light.

(c) *Door height.* For vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length, the overhead clearance between the top of the door opening and the raised lift platform, or highest point of a ramp, shall be a minimum of 68 inches. For vehicles of 22 feet in length or less, the overhead clearance between the top of the door opening and the raised lift platform, or highest point of a ramp, shall be a minimum of 56 inches.

§ 38.27 Priority seating signs.

(a) Each vehicle shall contain sign(s) which indicate that seats in the front of the vehicle are priority seats for persons with disabilities, and that other passengers should make such seats available to those who wish to use them. At least one set of forward-facing seats shall be so designated.

(b) Each securement location shall have a sign designating it as such.

(c) Characters on signs required by paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1 and a stroke width-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10, with a minimum character height (using an upper case ''X'') of ⅝ inch, with ''wide'' spacing (generally, the space between letters shall be 1/16 the height of upper case letters), and shall contrast with the background either light-on-dark or dark-on-light.

§ 38.29 Interior circulation, handrails and stanchions.

(a) Interior handrails and stanchions shall permit sufficient turning and maneuvering space for wheelchairs and other mobility aids to reach a securement location from the lift or ramp.

(b) Handrails and stanchions shall be provided in the entrance to the vehicle in a configuration which allows persons with disabilities to grasp such assists from outside the vehicle while starting to board, and to continue using such assists throughout the boarding and fare collection process. Handrails shall have a cross-sectional diameter between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches or shall provide an equivalent grasping surface, and have eased edges with corner radii of not less than ⅛ inch. Handrails shall be placed to provide a minimum 1½ inches knuckle clearance from the nearest adjacent surface. Where on-board fare collection devices are used on vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length, a horizontal passenger assist shall be located across the front of the vehicle and shall prevent passengers from sustaining injuries on the fare collection device or windshield in the event of a sudden deceleration. Without restricting the vestibule space, the assist shall provide support for a boarding passenger from the front door through the boarding procedure. Passengers shall be able to lean against the assist for security while paying fares.

(c) For vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length, overhead handrail(s) shall be provided which shall be continuous except for a gap at the rear doorway.

(d) Handrails and stanchions shall be sufficient to permit safe boarding, on-board circulation, seating and standing assistance, and alighting by persons with disabilities.

(e) For vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length with front-door lifts or ramps, vertical stanchions immediately behind the driver shall either terminate at the lower edge of the aisle-facing seats, if applicable, or be ''dog-legged'' so that the floor attachment does not impede or interfere with wheelchair footrests. If the driver seat platform must be passed by a wheelchair or mobility aid user entering the vehicle, the platform, to the maximum extent practicable, shall not extend into the aisle or vestibule beyond the wheel housing.

(f) For vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length, the minimum interior height along the path from the lift to the securement location shall be 68 inches. For vehicles of 22 feet in length or less, the minimum interior height from lift to securement location shall be 56 inches.

§ 38.31 Lighting.

(a) Any stepwell or doorway immediately adjacent to the driver shall have, when the door is open, at least 2 foot-candles of illumination measured on the step tread or lift platform.

(b) Other stepwells and doorways, including doorways in which lifts or ramps are installed, shall have, at all times, at least 2 foot-candles of illumination measured on the step tread, or lift or ramp, when deployed at the vehicle floor level.

(c) The vehicle doorways, including doorways in which lifts or ramps are installed, shall have outside light(s) which, when the door is open, provide at least 1 foot-candle of illumination on the street surface for a distance of 3 feet perpendicular to all points on the bottom step tread outer edge. Such light(s) shall be located below window level and shielded to protect the eyes of entering and exiting passengers.

§ 38.33 Fare box.

Where provided, the farebox shall be located as far forward as practicable and shall not obstruct traffic in the vestibule, especially wheelchairs or mobility aids.

§ 38.35 Public information system.

(a) Vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length, used in multiple-stop, fixed-route service, shall be equipped with a public address system permitting the driver, or recorded or digitized human speech messages, to announce stops and provide other passenger information within the vehicle.

(b) [Reserved]

§ 38.37 Stop request.

(a) Where passengers may board or alight at multiple stops at their option, vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length shall provide controls adjacent to the securement location for requesting stops and which alerts the driver that a mobility aid user wishes to disembark. Such a system shall provide auditory and visual indications that the request has been made.

(b) Controls required by paragraph (a) of this section shall be mounted no higher than 48 inches and no lower than 15 inches above the floor, shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate controls shall be no greater than 5 lbf (22.2 N).

§ 38.39 Destination and route signs.

(a) Where destination or route information is displayed on the exterior of a vehicle, each vehicle shall have illuminated signs on the front and boarding side of the vehicle.

(b) Characters on signs required by paragraph (a) of this section shall have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1 and a stroke width-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10, with a minimum character height (using an upper case ''X'') of 1 inch for signs on the boarding side and a minimum character height of 2 inches for front ''headsigns'', with ''wide'' spacing (generally, the space between letters shall be 1/16 the height of upper case letters), and shall contrast with the background, either dark-on-light or light-on-dark.

SUBPART C—RAPID RAIL VEHICLES AND SYSTEMS

§ 38.51 General.

(a) New, used and remanufactured rapid rail vehicles, to be considered accessible by regulations in part 37 of these regulations, shall comply with this subpart.

(b) If portions of the vehicle are modified in a way that affects or could affect accessibility, each such portion shall comply, to the extent practicable, with the applicable provisions of this subpart. This provision does not require that inaccessible vehicles be retrofitted with lifts, ramps or other boarding devices.

(c) Existing vehicles which are retrofitted to comply with the one-car-per-train rule of §37.93 of these regulations shall comply with §§38.55, 38.57(b), 38.59 of this part and shall have, in new and key stations, at least one door complying with §§38.53(a)(1), (b) and (d) of this part. Removal of seats is not required. Vehicles previously designed and manufactured in accordance with the accessibility requirements of part 609 of title 49 CFR or the Secretary of Transportation regulations implementing section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that were in effect before October 7, 1991 and which can be entered and used from stations in which they are to be operated, may be used to satisfy the requirements of §37.93 of these regulations.

§ 38.53 Doorways.

(a) *Clear width.* (1) Passenger doorways on vehicle sides shall have clear openings at least 32 inches wide when open.

(2) If doorways connecting adjoining cars in a multi-car train are provided, and if such doorway is connected by an aisle with a minimum clear width of 30 inches to one or more spaces where wheelchair or mobility aid users can be accommodated, then such doorway shall have a minimum clear opening of 30 inches to permit wheelchair and mobility aid users to be evacuated to an adjoining vehicle in an emergency.

(b) *Signage.* The International Symbol of Accessibility shall be displayed on the exterior of accessible vehicles operating on an accessible rapid rail system unless all vehicles are accessible and are not marked by the access symbol. (See Fig. 6)

(c) *Signals.* Auditory and visual warning signals shall be provided to alert passengers of closing doors.

(d) *Coordination with boarding platform*—(1) *Requirements.* Where new vehicles will operate in new stations, the design of vehicles shall be coordinated with the boarding platform design such that the horizontal gap between each vehicle door at rest and the platform shall be no greater than 3 inches and the height of the vehicle floor shall be within plus or minus 5/8 inch of the platform height under all normal passenger load conditions. Vertical alignment may be accomplished by vehicle air suspension or other suitable means of meeting the requirement.

(2) *Exception.* New vehicles operating in existing stations may have a floor height within plus or minus 1½ inches of the platform height. At key stations, the horizontal gap between at least one door of each such vehicle and the platform shall be no greater than 3 inches.

(3) *Exception.* Retrofitted vehicles shall be coordinated with the platform in new and key stations such that the horizontal gap shall be no greater than 4 inches and the height of the vehicle floor, under 50% passenger load, shall be within plus or minus 2 inches of the platform height.

§ 38.55 Priority seating signs.

(a) Each vehicle shall contain sign(s) which indicate that certain seats are priority seats for persons with disabilities, and that other passengers should make such seats available to those who wish to use them.

(b) Characters on signs required by paragraph (a) of this section shall have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1 and a stroke width-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10, with a minimum character height (using an upper case ''X'') of 5/8 inch, with ''wide'' spacing (generally, the space between letters shall be 1/16 the height of upper case letters), and shall contrast with the background, either light-on-dark or dark-on-light.

§ 38.57 Interior circulation, handrails and stanchions.

(a) Handrails and stanchions shall be provided to assist safe boarding, on-board circulation, seating and standing assistance, and alighting by persons with disabilities.

(b) Handrails, stanchions, and seats shall allow a route at least 32 inches wide so that at least two wheelchair or mobility aid users can enter the vehicle and position the wheelchairs or mobility aids in areas, each having a minimum clear space of 48 inches by 30 inches, which do not unduly restrict movement of other passengers. Space to accommodate wheelchairs and mobility aids may be provided within the normal area used by standees and designation of specific spaces is not required. Particular attention shall be given to ensuring maximum maneuverability immediately inside doors. Ample vertical stanchions from ceiling to seat-back rails shall be provided. Vertical stanchions from ceiling to floor shall not interfere with wheelchair or mobility aid user circulation and shall be kept to a minimum in the vicinity of doors.

(c) The diameter or width of the gripping surface of handrails and stanchions shall be 1¼ inches to 1½ inches or provide an equivalent gripping surface and shall provide a minimum 1½ inches knuckle clearance from the nearest adjacent surface.

§ 38.59 Floor surfaces.

Floor surfaces on aisles, places for standees, and areas where wheelchair and mobility aid users are to be accommodated shall be slip-resistant.

§ 38.61 Public information system.

(a)(1) *Requirements.* Each vehicle shall be equipped with a public address system permitting transportation system personnel, or recorded or digitized human speech messages, to announce stations and provide other passenger information. Alternative systems or devices which provide equivalent access are also permitted. Each vehicle operating in stations having more than one line or route shall have an external public address system to permit transportation system personnel, or recorded or digitized human speech messages, to announce train, route, or line identification information.

(2) *Exception.* Where station announcement systems provide information on arriving trains, an external train speaker is not required.

(b) [Reserved]

§ 38.63 Between-car barriers.

(a) *Requirement.* Suitable devices or systems shall be provided to prevent, deter or warn individuals from inadvertently stepping off the platform between cars. Acceptable solutions include, but are not limited to, pantograph gates, chains, motion detectors or similar devices.

(b) *Exception.* Between-car barriers are not required where platform screens are provided which close off the platform edge and open only when trains are correctly aligned with the doors.

SUBPART D—LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES AND SYSTEMS

§ 38.71 General.

(a) New, used and remanufactured light rail vehicles, to be considered accessible by regulations in part 37 of these regulations, shall comply with this subpart.

(b)(1) Vehicles intended to be operated solely in light rail systems confined entirely to a dedicated right-of-way, and for which all stations or stops are designed and constructed for revenue service after the effective date of standards for design and construction §37.21 and § 37.23 of these regulations, shall provide level boarding and shall

comply with §38.73(d)(1) and §38.85 of this part.

(2) Vehicles designed for, and operated on, pedestrian malls, city streets, or other areas where level boarding is not practicable shall provide wayside or car-borne lifts, mini-high platforms, or other means of access in compliance with §38.83(b) or (c) of this part.

(c) If portions of the vehicle are modified in a way that affects or could affect accessibility, each such portion shall comply, to the extent practicable, with the applicable provisions of this subpart. This provision does not require that inaccessible vehicles be retrofitted with lifts, ramps or other boarding devices.

(d) Existing vehicles retrofitted to comply with the ''one-car-per-train rule'' at §37.93 of these regulations shall comply with §38.75, §38.77(c), §38.79(a) and §38.83(a) of this part and shall have, in new and key stations, at least one door which complies with §§38.73(a)(1), (b) and (d). Vehicles previously designed and manufactured in accordance with the accessibility requirements of 49 CFR part 609 or the Secretary of Transportation regulations implementing section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that were in effect before October 7, 1991 and which can be entered and used from stations in which they are to be operated, may be used to satisfy the requirements of §37.93 of these regulations.

§38.73 Doorways.

(a) *Clear width.* (1) All passenger doorways on vehicle sides shall have minimum clear openings of 32 inches when open.

(2) If doorways connecting adjoining cars in a multi-car train are provided, and if such doorway is connected by an aisle with a minimum clear width of 30 inches to one or more spaces where wheelchair or mobility aid users can be accommodated, then such doorway shall have a minimum clear opening of 30 inches to permit wheelchair and mobility aid users to be evacuated to an adjoining vehicle in an emergency.

(b) *Signage.* The International Symbol of Accessibility shall be displayed on the exterior of each vehicle operating on an accessible light rail system unless all vehicles are accessible and are not marked by the access symbol. (See Fig. 6)

(c) *Signals.* Auditory and visual warning signals shall be provided to alert passengers of closing doors.

(d) *Coordination with boarding platform*—(1) *Requirements.* The design of level-entry vehicles shall be coordinated with the boarding platform or mini-high platform design so that the horizontal gap between a vehicle at rest and the platform shall be no greater than 3 inches and the height of the vehicle floor shall be within plus or minus ⅝ inch of the platform height. Vertical alignment may be accomplished by vehicle air suspension, automatic ramps or lifts, or any combination.

(2) *Exception.* New vehicles operating in existing stations may have a floor height within plus or minus 1½ inches of the platform height. At key stations, the horizontal gap between at least one door of each such vehicle and the platform shall be no greater than 3 inches.

(3) *Exception.* Retrofitted vehicles shall be coordinated with the platform in new and key stations such that the horizontal gap shall be no greater than 4 inches and the height of the vehicle floor, under 50% passenger load, shall be within plus or minus 2 inches of the platform height.

(4) *Exception.* Where it is not operationally or structurally practicable to meet the horizontal or vertical requirements of paragraphs (d)(1), (2) or (3) of this section, platform or vehicle devices complying with §38.83(b) or platform or vehicle mounted ramps or bridge plates complying with §38.83(c) shall be provided.

§38.75 Priority seating signs.

(a) Each vehicle shall contain sign(s) which indicate that certain seats are priority seats for persons with disabilities, and that other passengers should make such seats available to those who wish to use them.

(b) Where designated wheelchair or mobility aid seating locations are provided, signs shall indicate the location and advise other passengers of the need to permit wheelchair and mobility aid users to occupy them.

(c) Characters on signs required by paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section shall have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1 and a stroke width-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10, with a minimum character height (using an upper case X'') of ⅝ inch, with wide spacing (generally, the space between letters shall be 1/16 the height of upper case letters), and shall contrast with the background, either light-on-dark or dark-on-light.

§38.77 Interior circulation, handrails and stanchions.

(a) Handrails and stanchions shall be sufficient to permit safe boarding, on-board circulation, seating and standing assistance, and alighting by persons with disabilities.

(b) At entrances equipped with steps, handrails and stanchions shall be provided in the entrance to the vehicle in a configuration which allows passengers to grasp such assists from outside the vehicle while starting to board, and to continue using such handrails or stanchions throughout the boarding process. Handrails shall have a cross-sectional diameter between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches or shall provide an equivalent grasping surface, and have eased edges with corner radii of not less than ⅛ inch. Handrails shall be placed to provide a minimum 1½ inches knuckle clearance from the nearest adjacent surface. Where on-board fare collection devices are used, a horizontal passenger assist shall be located between boarding passengers and the fare collection device and shall prevent passengers from sustaining injuries on the fare collection device or windshield in the event of a sudden deceleration. Without restricting the vestibule space, the assist shall provide support for a boarding passenger from the door through the boarding procedure. Passengers shall be able to lean against the assist for security while paying fares.

(c) At all doors on level-entry vehicles, and at each entrance accessible by lift, ramp, bridge plate or other suitable means, handrails, stanchions, passenger seats, vehicle driver seat platforms, and fare boxes, if applicable, shall be located so as to allow a route at least 32 inches wide so that at least two wheelchair or mobility aid users can enter the vehicle and position the wheelchairs or mobility aids in areas, each having a minimum clear space of 48 inches by 30 inches, which do not unduly restrict movement of other passengers. Space to accommodate wheelchairs and mobility aids may be provided within the normal area used by standees and designation of specific spaces is not required. Particular attention shall be given to ensuring maximum maneuverability immediately inside doors. Ample vertical stanchions from ceiling to seat-back rails shall be provided. Vertical stanchions from ceiling to floor shall not interfere with wheelchair or mobility aid circulation and shall be kept to a minimum in the vicinity of accessible doors.

§38.79 Floors, steps and thresholds.

(a) Floor surfaces on aisles, step treads, places for standees, and areas where wheelchair and mobility aid users are to be accommodated shall be slip-resistant.

(b) All thresholds and step edges shall have a band of color(s) running the full width of the step or threshold which contrasts from the step tread and riser or adjacent floor, either light-on-dark or dark-on-light.

§38.81 Lighting.

(a) Any stepwell or doorway with a lift, ramp or bridge plate immediately adjacent to the driver shall have, when the door is open, at least 2 footcandles of illumination measured on the step tread or lift platform.

(b) Other stepwells, and doorways with lifts, ramps or bridge plates, shall have, at all times, at least 2 footcandles of illumination measured on the step tread or lift or ramp, when deployed at the vehicle floor level.

(c) The doorways of vehicles not operating at lighted station platforms shall have outside lights which provide at least 1 foot candle of illumination on the station platform or street surface for a distance of 3 feet perpendicular to all points on the bottom step tread. Such lights shall be located below window level and shielded to protect the eyes of entering and exiting passengers.

§38.83 Mobility aid accessibility.

(a)(1) *General.* All new light rail vehicles, other than level entry vehicles, covered by this subpart shall provide a level-change mechanism or boarding device (e.g., lift, ramp or bridge plate) complying with either paragraph (b) or (c) of this section and sufficient clearances to permit at least two wheelchair or mobility aid users to reach areas, each with a minimum clear floor space of 48 inches by 30 inches, which do not unduly restrict passenger flow. Space to accommodate wheelchairs and mobility aids may be provided within the normal area used by standees and designation of specific spaces is not required.

(2) *Exception.* If lifts, ramps or bridge plates meeting the requirements of this section are provided on station platforms or other stops required to be accessible, or mini-high platforms complying with §38.73(d) of this part are provided, the vehicle is not required to be equipped with a car-borne device. Where each new vehicle is compatible with a single platform-mounted access system or device, additional systems or devices are not required for each vehicle provided that the single device could be used to provide access to each new vehicle if passengers using wheelchairs or mobility aids could not be accommodated on a single vehicle.

(b) *Vehicle lift*—(1) *Design load.* The design load of the lift shall be at least 600 pounds. Working parts, such as cables, pulleys, and shafts, which can be expected to wear, and upon which the lift depends for support of the load, shall have a safety factor of at least six, based on the ultimate strength of the material. Nonworking parts, such as platform, frame, and attachment hardware which would not be expected to wear, shall have a safety factor of at least three, based on the ultimate strength of the material.

(2) *Controls*—(i) *Requirements.* The controls shall be interlocked with the vehicle brakes, propulsion system, or door, or shall provide other appropriate mechanisms or systems, to ensure that the vehicle cannot be moved when the lift is not stowed and so the lift cannot be deployed unless the interlocks or systems are engaged. The lift shall deploy to all levels (i.e., ground, curb, and intermediate positions) normally encountered in the operating environment. Where provided, each control for deploying, lowering, raising, and stowing the lift and lowering the roll-off barrier shall be of a momentary contact type requiring continuous manual pressure by the operator and shall not allow improper lift sequencing when the lift platform is occupied. The controls shall allow reversal of the lift

operation sequence, such as raising or lowering a platform that is part way down, without allowing an occupied platform to fold or retract into the stowed position.

(ii) *Exception.* Where physical or safety constraints prevent the deployment at some stops of a lift having its long dimension perpendicular to the vehicle axis, the transportation entity may specify a lift which is designed to deploy with its long dimension parallel to the vehicle axis and which pivots into or out of the vehicle while occupied (i.e., ''rotary lift''). The requirements of paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section prohibiting the lift from being stowed while occupied shall not apply to a lift design of this type if the stowed position is within the passenger compartment and the lift is intended to be stowed while occupied.

(iii) *Exception.* The brake or propulsion system interlocks requirement does not apply to a station platform mounted lift provided that a mechanical, electrical or other system operates to ensure that vehicles do not move when the lift is in use.

(3) *Emergency operation.* The lift shall incorporate an emergency method of deploying, lowering to ground level with a lift occupant, and raising and stowing the empty lift if the power to the lift fails. No emergency method, manual or otherwise, shall be capable of being operated in a manner that could be hazardous to the lift occupant or to the operator when operated according to manufacturer's instructions, and shall not permit the platform to be stowed or folded when occupied, unless the lift is a rotary lift intended to be stowed while occupied.

(4) *Power or equipment failure.* Lift platforms stowed in a vertical position, and deployed platforms when occupied, shall have provisions to prevent their deploying, falling, or folding any faster than 12 inches/second or their dropping of an occupant in the event of a single failure of any load carrying component.

(5) *Platform barriers.* The lift platform shall be equipped with barriers to prevent any of the wheels of a wheelchair or mobility aid from rolling off the lift during its operation. A movable barrier or inherent design feature shall prevent a wheelchair or mobility aid from rolling off the edge closest to the vehicle until the lift is in its fully raised position. Each side of the lift platform which extends beyond the vehicle in its raised position shall have a barrier a minimum 1½ inches high. Such barriers shall not interfere with maneuvering into or out of the aisle. The loading-edge barrier (outer barrier) which functions as a loading ramp when the lift is at ground level, shall be sufficient when raised or closed, or a supplementary system shall be provided, to prevent a power wheelchair or mobility aid from riding over or defeating it. The outer barrier of the lift shall automatically rise or close, or a supplementary system shall automatically engage, and remain raised, closed, or engaged at all times that the lift is more than 3 inches above the station platform or roadway and the lift is occupied. Alternatively, a barrier or system may be raised, lowered, opened, closed, engaged or disengaged by the lift operator provided an interlock or inherent design feature prevents the lift from rising unless the barrier is raised or closed or the supplementary system is engaged.

(6) *Platform surface.* The lift platform surface shall be free of any protrusions over ¼ inch high and shall be slip resistant. The lift platform shall have a minimum clear width of 28½ inches at the platform, a minimum clear width of 30 inches measured from 2 inches above the lift platform surface to 30 inches above the surface, and a minimum clear length of 48 inches measured from 2 inches above the surface of the platform to 30 inches above the surface. (See Fig. 1)

(7) *Platform gaps.* Any openings between the lift platform surface and the raised barriers shall not exceed ⅝ inch wide. When the lift is at vehicle floor height with the inner barrier (if applicable) down or retracted, gaps between the forward lift platform edge and vehicle floor shall not exceed ½ inch horizontally and ⅝ inch vertically. Platforms on semi-automatic lifts may have a hand hold not exceeding 1½ inches by 4½ inches located between the edge barriers.

(8) *Platform entrance ramp.* The entrance ramp, or loading-edge barrier used as a ramp, shall not exceed a slope of 1:8 measured on level ground, for a maximum rise of 3 inches, and the transition from the station platform or roadway to ramp may be vertical without edge treatment up to ¼ inch. Thresholds between ¼ inch and ½ inch high shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2.

(9) *Platform deflection.* The lift platform (not including the entrance ramp) shall not deflect more than 3 degrees (exclusive of vehicle roll) in any direction between its unloaded position and its position when loaded with 600 pounds applied through a 26 inch by 26 inch test pallet at the centroid of the lift platform.

(10) *Platform movement.* No part of the platform shall move at a rate exceeding 6 inches/second during lowering and lifting an occupant, and shall not exceed 12 inches/second during deploying or stowing. This requirement does not apply to the deployment or stowage cycles of lifts that are manually deployed or stowed. The maximum platform horizontal and vertical acceleration when occupied shall be 0.3g.

(11) *Boarding direction.* The lift shall permit both inboard and outboard facing of wheelchairs and mobility aids.

(12) *Use by standees.* Lifts shall accommodate persons using walkers, crutches, canes or braces or who otherwise have difficulty using steps. The lift may be marked to indicate a preferred standing position.

(13) *Handrails.* Platforms on lifts shall be equipped with handrails, on two sides, which move in tandem with the lift which shall be graspable and provide support to standees throughout the entire lift operation. Handrails shall have a usable component at least 8 inches long with the lowest portion a minimum 30 inches above the platform and the highest portion a maximum 38 inches above the platform. The handrails shall be capable of withstanding a force of 100 pounds concentrated at any point on the handrail without permanent deformation of the rail or its supporting structure. Handrails shall have a cross-sectional diameter between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches or shall provide an equivalent grasping surface, and have eased edges with corner radii of not less than ⅛ inch. Handrails shall be placed to provide a minimum 1½ inches knuckle clearance from the nearest adjacent surface. Handrails shall not interfere with wheelchair or mobility aid maneuverability when entering or leaving the vehicle.

(c) *Vehicle ramp or bridge plate*—(1) *Design load.* Ramps or bridge plates 30 inches or longer shall support a load of 600 pounds, placed at the centroid of the ramp or bridge plate distributed over an area of 26 inches by 26 inches, with a safety factor of at least 3 based on the ultimate strength of the material. Ramps or bridge plates shorter than 30 inches shall support a load of 300 pounds.

(2) *Ramp surface.* The ramp or bridge plate surface shall be continuous and slip resistant, shall not have protrusions from the surface greater than ¼ inch, shall have a clear width of 30 inches, and shall accommodate both four-wheel and three-wheel mobility aids.

(3) *Ramp threshold.* The transition from roadway or station platform and the transition from vehicle floor to the ramp or bridge plate may be vertical without edge treatment up to ¼ inch. Changes in level between ¼ inch and ½ inch shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2.

(4) *Ramp barriers.* Each side of the ramp or bridge plate shall have barriers at least 2 inches high to prevent mobility aid wheels from slipping off.

(5) *Slope.* Ramps or bridge plates shall have the least slope practicable. If the height of the vehicle floor, under 50% passenger load, from which the ramp is deployed is 3 inches or less above the station platform a maximum slope of 1:4 is permitted; if the height of the vehicle floor, under 50% passenger load, from which the ramp is deployed is 6 inches or less, but more than 3 inches, above the station platform a maximum slope of 1:6 is permitted; if the height of the vehicle floor, under 50% passenger load, from which the ramp is deployed is 9 inches or less, but more than 6 inches, above the station platform a maximum slope of 1:8 is permitted; if the height of the vehicle floor, under 50% passenger load, from which the ramp is deployed is greater than 9 inches above the station platform a slope of 1:12 shall be achieved. Folding or telescoping ramps are permitted provided they meet all structural requirements of this section.

(6) *Attachment.*—(i) *Requirement.* When in use for boarding or alighting, the ramp or bridge plate shall be attached to the vehicle, or otherwise prevented from moving such that it is not subject to displacement when loading or unloading a heavy power mobility aid and that any gaps between vehicle and ramp or bridge plate, and station platform and ramp or bridge plate, shall not exceed ⅝ inch.

(ii) *Exception.* Ramps or bridge plates which are attached to, and deployed from, station platforms are permitted in lieu of vehicle devices provided they meet the displacement requirements of paragraph (c)(6)(i) of this section.

(7) *Stowage.* A compartment, securement system, or other appropriate method shall be provided to ensure that stowed ramps or bridge plates, including portable ramps or bridge plates stowed in the passenger area, do not impinge on a passenger's wheelchair or mobility aid or pose any hazard to passengers in the event of a sudden stop.

(8) *Handrails.* If provided, handrails shall allow persons with disabilities to grasp them from outside the vehicle while starting to board, and to continue to use them throughout the boarding process, and shall have the top between 30 inches and 38 inches above the ramp surface. The handrails shall be capable of withstanding a force of 100 pounds concentrated at any point on the handrail without permanent deformation of the rail or its supporting structure. The handrail shall have a cross-sectional diameter between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches or shall provide an equivalent grasping surface, and have eased edges with corner radii of not less than ⅛ inch. Handrails shall not interfere with wheelchair or mobility aid maneuverability when entering or leaving the vehicle.

§ 38.85 Between-car barriers

Where vehicles operate in a high-platform, level-boarding mode, devices or systems shall be provided to prevent, deter or warn individuals from inadvertently stepping off the platform between cars. Appropriate devices include, but are not limited to, pantograph gates, chains, motion detectors or other suitable devices.

§ 38.87 Public information system.

(a) Each vehicle shall be equipped with an interior public address system permitting transportation system personnel, or recorded or digitized human speech messages, to announce stations and provide other passenger

information. Alternative systems or devices which provide equivalent access are also permitted.

(b) [Reserved].

38.91–38.127 [Reserved]

SUBPART F—OVER-THE-ROAD BUSES AND SYSTEMS

§ 38.151 General.

(a) New, used and remanufactured over-the-road buses, to be considered accessible by regulations in part 37 of these regulations, shall comply with this subpart.

(b) Over-the-road buses covered by §37.7(c) of these regulations shall comply with §38.23 and this subpart.

§ 38.153 Doors, steps and thresholds.

(a) Floor surfaces on aisles, step treads and areas where wheelchair and mobility aid users are to be accommodated shall be slip-resistant.

(b) All step edges shall have a band of color(s) running the full width of the step which contrasts from the step tread and riser, either dark-on-light or light-on-dark.

(c) To the maximum extent practicable, doors shall have a minimum clear width when open of 30 inches, but in no case less than 27 inches.

§ 38.155 Interior circulation, handrails and stanchions.

(a) Handrails and stanchions shall be provided in the entrance to the vehicle in a configuration which allows passengers to grasp such assists from outside the vehicle while starting to board, and to continue using such handrails or stanchions throughout the boarding process. Handrails shall have a cross-sectional diameter between 1¼ inches and 1½ inches or shall provide an equivalent grasping surface, and have eased edges with corner radii of not less than ⅛ inch. Handrails shall be placed to provide a minimum 1½ inches knuckle clearance from the nearest adjacent surface. Where on-board fare collection devices are used, a horizontal passenger assist shall be located between boarding passengers and the fare collection device and shall prevent passengers from sustaining injuries on the fare collection device or windshield in the event of a sudden deceleration. Without restricting the vestibule space, the assist shall provide support for a boarding passenger from the door through the boarding procedure. Passengers shall be able to lean against the assist for security while paying fares.

(b) Where provided within passenger compartments, handrails or stanchions shall be sufficient to permit safe on-board circulation, seating and standing assistance, and alighting by persons with disabilities.

§ 38.157 Lighting.

(a) Any stepwell or doorway immediately adjacent to the driver shall have, when the door is open, at least 2 foot-candles of illumination measured on the step tread.

(b) The vehicle doorway shall have outside light(s) which, when the door is open, provide at least 1 foot-candle of illumination on the street surface for a distance of 3 feet perpendicular to all points on the bottom step tread outer edge. Such light(s) shall be located below window level and shielded to protect the eyes of entering and exiting passengers.

§38.159 Mobility aid accessibility. [Reserved]

SUBPART G—OTHER VEHICLES AND SYSTEMS

§ 38.171 General.

(a) New, used and remanufactured vehicles and conveyances for systems not covered by other subparts of this part, to be considered accessible by regulations in part 37 of these regulations, shall comply with this subpart.

(b) If portions of the vehicle or conveyance are modified in a way that affects or could affect accessibility, each such portion shall comply, to the extent practicable, with the applicable provisions of this subpart. This provision does not require that inaccessible vehicles be retrofitted with lifts, ramps or other boarding devices.

§ 38.173 Automated guideway transit vehicles and systems.

(a) Automated Guideway Transit (AGT) vehicles and systems, sometimes called ''people movers,'' operated in airports and other areas where AGT vehicles travel at slow speed (i.e., at a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour at any location on their route during normal operation), shall comply with the provisions of §38.53(a) through (c), and §§38.55 through 38.61 of this part for rapid rail vehicles and systems.

(b) Where the vehicle covered by paragraph (a) of this section will operate in an accessible station, the design of vehicles shall be coordinated with the boarding platform design such that the horizontal gap between a vehicle door at rest and the platform shall be no greater than 1 inch and the height of the vehicle floor shall be within plus or minus ½ inch of the platform height under all normal passenger load conditions. Vertical alignment may be accomplished by vehicle air suspension or other suitable means of meeting the requirement.

(c) In stations where open platforms are not protected by platform screens, a suitable device or system shall be provided to prevent, deter or warn individuals from stepping off the platform between cars. Acceptable devices include, but are not limited to, pantograph gates, chains, motion detectors or other appropriate devices.

(d) Light rail and rapid rail AGT vehicles and systems shall comply with subparts D and C of this part, respectively. AGT systems whose vehicles travel at a speed of more than 20 miles per hour at any location on their route during normal operation are covered under this paragraph rather than under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

§ 38.175 [Reserved]

§ 38.177 [Reserved]

§ 38.179 Trams, similar vehicles and systems.

(a) New and used trams consisting of a tractor unit, with or without passenger accommodations, and one or more passenger trailer units, including but not limited to vehicles providing shuttle service to remote parking areas, between hotels and other public accommodations, and between and within amusement parks and other recreation areas, shall comply with this section. For purposes of determining applicability of §§37.101 or 37.105 of these regulations, the capacity of such a vehicle or ''train'' shall consist of the total combined seating capacity of all units, plus the driver, prior to any modification for accessibility.

(b) Each tractor unit which accommodates passengers and each trailer unit shall comply with §38.25 and §38.29 of this part. In addition, each such unit shall comply with §§38.23(b) or (c) and shall provide at least one space for wheelchair or mobility aid users complying with §38.23(d) of this part unless the complete operating unit consisting of tractor and one or more trailers can already accommodate at least two wheelchair or mobility aid users.

Figures in Part 38

[Copies of these figures may be obtained from the Office of Compliance, Room LA 200, John Adams Building, 110 Second Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540–1999.]

Appendix to Part 38—Guidance Material

This appendix contains materials of an advisory nature and provides additional information that should help the reader to understand the minimum requirements of the guidelines or to design vehicles for greater accessibility. Each entry is applicable to all subparts of this part except where noted. Nothing in this appendix shall in any way obviate any obligation to comply with the requirements of the guidelines themselves.

I. Slip Resistant Surfaces—Aisles, Steps, Floor Area Where People Walk, Floor Areas in Securement Locations, Lift Platforms, Ramps

Slip resistance is based on the frictional force necessary to keep a shoe heel or crutch tip from slipping on a walking surface under conditions likely to be found on the surface. While the dynamic coefficient of friction during walking varies in a complex and non-uniform way, the static coefficient of friction, which can be measured in several ways, provides a close approximation of the slip resistance of a surface. Contrary to popular belief, some slippage is necessary to walking, especially for persons with restricted gaits; a truly ''non-slip'' surface could not be negotiated.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends that walking surfaces have a static coefficient of friction of 0.5. A research project sponsored by the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) conducted tests with persons with disabilities and concluded that a higher coefficient of friction was needed by such persons. A static coefficient of friction of 0.6 is recommended for steps, floors, and lift platforms and 0.8 for ramps.

The coefficient of friction varies considerably due to the presence of contaminants, water, floor finishes, and other factors not under the control of transit providers and may be difficult to measure. Nevertheless, many common materials suitable for flooring are now labeled with information on the static coefficient of friction. While it may not be possible to compare one product directly with another, or to guarantee a constant measure, transit operators or vehicle designers and manufacturers are encouraged to specify materials with appropriate values. As more products include information on slip resistance, improved uniformity in measurement and specification is likely. The Access Board's advisory guidelines on Slip Resistant Surfaces provides additional information on this subject.

II. Color Contrast—Step Edges, Lift Platform Edges

The material used to provide contrast should contrast by at least 70%. Contrast in percent is determined by:

Contrast = $[(B_1–B_2)/B_1]$ 100

Where B_1 = light reflectance value (LRV) of the lighter area and B_2 = light reflectance value (LRV) of the darker area.

Note that in any application both white and black are never absolute; thus, B_1 never equals 100 and B_2 is always greater than 0.

III. Handrails and Stanchions

In addition to the requirements for handrails and stanchions for rapid, light, and commuter rail vehicles, consideration should be given to the proximity of handrails or stanchions to the area in which wheelchair or mobility aid users may position themselves. When identifying the clear floor space where a wheelchair or mobility aid user can be accommodated, it is suggested that at least one such area be adjacent or in close proximity to a handrail or stanchion. Of course, such a handrail or stanchion cannot encroach upon the required 32 inch width required for the doorway or the route leading to the clear floor space which must be at least 30 by 48 inches in size.

IV. Priority Seating Signs and Other Signage

A. *Finish and Contrast.* The characters and background of signs should be eggshell,

matte, or other non-glare finish. An eggshell finish (11 to 19 degree gloss on 60 degree glossimeter) is recommended. Characters and symbols should contrast with their background either light characters on a dark background or dark characters on a light background. Research indicates that signs are more legible for persons with low vision when characters contrast with their background by at least 70 percent. Contrast in percent is determined by:

Contrast = $[(B_1–B_2)/B_1]$ 100

Where B_1 = light reflectance value (LRV) of the lighter area and B_2 = light reflectance value (LRV) of the darker area.

Note that in any application both white and black are never absolute; thus, B_1 never equals 100 and B_2 is always greater than 0.

The greatest readability is usually achieved through the use of light-colored characters or symbols on a dark background.

B. *Destination and Route Signs.* The following specifications, which are required for buses (§38.39), are recommended for other types of vehicles, particularly light rail vehicles, where appropriate.

1. Where destination or route information is displayed on the exterior of a vehicle, each vehicle should have illuminated signs on the front and boarding side of the vehicle.

2. Characters on signs covered by paragraph IV.B.1 of this appendix should have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1 and a stroke width-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10, with a minimum character height (using an upper case ''X'') of 1 inch for signs on the boarding side and a minimum character height of 2 inches for front ''headsigns,'' with ''wide'' spacing (generally, the space between letters shall be 1/16 the height of upper case letters), and should contrast with the background, either dark-on-light or light-on-dark, or as recommended above.

C. *Designation of Accessible Vehicles.* The International Symbol of Accessibility should be displayed as shown in Figure 6.

V. Public Information Systems

There is currently no requirement that vehicles be equipped with an information system which is capable of providing the same or equivalent information to persons with hearing loss. While the Department of Transportation assesses available and soon-to-be available technology during a study conducted during Fiscal Year 1992, entities are encouraged to employ whatever services, signage or alternative systems or devices that provide equivalent access and are available. Two possible types of devices are visual display systems and listening systems. However, it should be noted that while visual display systems accommodate persons who are deaf or are hearing impaired, assistive listening systems aid only those with a partial loss of hearing.

A. *Visual Display Systems.* Announcements may be provided in a visual format by the use of electronic message boards or video monitors.

Electronic message boards using a light emitting diode (LED) or ''flip-dot'' display are currently provided in some transit stations and terminals and may be usable in vehicles. These devices may be used to provide real time or pre-programmed messages; however, real time message displays require the availability of an employee for keyboard entry of the information to be announced.

Video monitor systems, such as visual paging systems provided in some airports (e.g., Baltimore-Washington International Airport), are another alternative. The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) can provide technical assistance and information on these systems (''Airport TDD Access: Two Case Studies,'' (1990)).

B. *Assistive Listening Systems.* Assistive listening systems (ALS) are intended to augment standard public address and audio systems by providing signals which can be received directly by persons with special receivers or their own hearing aids and which eliminate or filter background noise. Magnetic induction loops, infra-red and radio frequency systems are types of listening systems which are appropriate for various applications.

An assistive listening system appropriate for transit vehicles, where a group of persons or where the specific individuals are not known in advance, may be different from the system appropriate for a particular individual provided as an auxiliary aid or as part of a reasonable accommodation. The appropriate device for an individual is the type that individual can use, whereas the appropriate system for a station or vehicle will necessarily be geared toward the ''average'' or aggregate needs of various individuals. Earphone jacks with variable volume controls can benefit only people who have slight hearing loss and do not help people who use hearing aids. At the present time, magnetic induction loops are the most feasible type of listening system for people who use hearing aids equipped with ''T-coils'', but people without hearing aids or those with hearing aids not equipped with inductive pick-ups cannot use them without special receivers. Radio frequency systems can be extremely effective and inexpensive. People without hearing aids can use them, but people with hearing aids need a special receiver to use them as they are presently designed. If hearing aids had a jack to allow a by-pass of microphones, then radio frequency systems would be suitable for people with and without hearing aids. Some listening systems may be subject to interference from other equipment and feedback from hearing aids of people who are using the systems. Such interference can be controlled by careful engineering design that anticipates feedback sources in the surrounding area.

The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has published a pamphlet on Assistive Listening Systems which lists demonstration centers across the country where technical assistance can be obtained in selecting and installing appropriate systems. The state of New York has also adopted a detailed technical specification which may be useful.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE—THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995: EXTENSION OF RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS UNDER THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Summary: The Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance is publishing proposed regulations to implement Section 215 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (''CAA''), Pub. L. 104–1, 109 Stat. 3, as applied to covered employing offices and employees of the House of Representatives, the Senate, and certain Congressional instrumentalities listed below.

The CAA applies the rights and protections of eleven labor and employment and public access statutes to covered employees within the Legislative Branch. Section 215(a) provides that each employing office and each covered employee shall comply with the provisions of section 5 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. §654 (''OSHAct''). 2 U.S.C. §1341(a). The provisions of section 215 are effective on January 1, 1997 for all employing offices except the General Accounting Office and the Library of Congress. 2 U.S.C. §1341(g). Accordingly, the rules included in this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (''NPRM or Notice'') do not apply to the General Accounting Office or the Library of Congress at this time.

In addition to inviting comment in this NPRM, the Board, through the statutory appointees of the Office, sought consultation with the Secretary of Labor with regard to the development of these regulations in accordance with section 304(g) of the CAA. Specifically, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration provided helpful suggestions during the development of the proposed regulations. The Board also notes that the General Counsel of the Office has completed an inspection of all covered facilities for compliance with safety and health standards under section 215 of the CAA and has submitted his final report to Congress. Based on the information gleaned from these consultations and the experience gained from the inspections, the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance is publishing these proposed regulations, pursuant to section 215(d) of the CAA, 2 U.S.C. §1341(d).

The purpose of these regulations is to implement section 215 of the CAA. This Notice proposes that virtually identical regulations be adopted for the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the seven Congressional instrumentalities; and their employees. Accordingly:

(1) *Senate.* It is proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to the Senate and employees of the Senate, and this proposal regarding the Senate and its employees is recommended by the Office of Compliance's Deputy Executive Director for the Senate.

(2) *House of Representatives.* It is further proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to the House of Representatives and employees of the House of Representatives, and this proposal regarding the House of Representatives and its employees is recommended by the Office of Compliance's Deputy Executive Director for the House of Representatives.

(3) *Certain Congressional instrumentalities.* It is further proposed that regulations as described in this Notice be included in the body of regulations that shall apply to the Capitol Guide Service, the Capitol Police, the Congressional Budget Office, the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Office of the Attending Physician, and the Office of Compliance, and their employees; and this proposal regarding these six Congressional instrumentalities is recommended by the Office of Compliance's Executive Director.

Dates: Comments are due within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice in the Congressional Record.

Addresses: Submit written comments (an original and 10 copies) to the Chair of the Board of Directors, Office of Compliance, Room LA 200, John Adams Building, 110 Second Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540–1999. Those wishing to receive notification of receipt of comments are requested to include a self-addressed, stamped post card. Comments may also be transmitted by facsimile (''FAX'') machine to (202) 426–1913. This is not a toll-free call. Copies of comments submitted by the public will be available for review at the Law Library Reading Room, Room LM–201, Law Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, Washington, D.C., Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. In addition, a copy of the material listed in the section of the proposed regulations entitled ''Incorporation by Reference'' is available for inspection and review at the Law Library Reading Room, Room LM–201, Law Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, Washington, D.C., Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

For further information contact: Executive Director, Office of Compliance, at (202) 724–

9250 (voice), (202) 426–1912 (TTY). This Notice is also available in the following formats: large print, braille, audio tape, and electronic file on computer disk. Requests for this notice in an alternative format should be made to Mr. Russell Jackson, Director, Services Department, Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, at (202) 224–2705 (voice), (202) 224–5574 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background and Summary

The Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (''CAA''), Pub. L. 104–1, 109 Stat. 3, was enacted on January 23, 1995. 2 U.S.C. §§1301–1438. In general, the CAA applies the rights and protections of eleven federal labor and employment and public access statutes to covered employees and employing offices.

Section 215(a) of the CAA provides that each employing office and each covered employee shall comply with the provisions of section 5 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (''OSHAct''), 29 U.S.C. §654. 2 U.S.C. §1341(a). Section 5(a) of the OSHAct provides that every covered employer has a general duty to furnish each employee with employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to those employees and a specific duty to comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated under the law. Section 5(b) requires covered employees to comply with occupational safety and health standards and with all rules, regulations and orders issued which are applicable to their actions and conduct.

Section 215(c) of the CAA provides that, upon the written request of any employing office or covered employee, the General Counsel of the Office shall exercise the authorities granted to the Secretary of Labor by subsections (a), (d), (e), and (f) of section 8 of the OSHAct to inspect and investigate places of employment under the jurisdiction of employing offices. 2 U.S.C. §1341(c). For the purposes of section 215, the General Counsel shall exercise the authorities granted to the Secretary of Labor in sections 9 and 10 of the OSHAct to issue a citation or notice to any employing office responsible for correcting a violation, or a notification to any employing office that the General Counsel believes has failed to correct a violation for which a citation has been issued within the period permitted for its correction. *Id.* Section 215(e) also requires that the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance on a regular basis, and at least once each Congress, conduct periodic inspections of all covered facilities and report to Congress on compliance with health and safety standards. 2 U.S.C. §1341(e).

Section 215(d) of the CAA requires the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance established under the CAA to issue regulations implementing the section. 2 U.S.C. §1341(d). Section 215(d) further states that such regulations ''shall be the same as substantive regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (a) except to the extent that the Board may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section.'' *Id.* Section 215(d) further provides that the regulations ''shall include a method of identifying, for purposes of this section and for different categories of violations of subsection (a), the employing office responsible for correction of a particular violation.'' *Id.*

In developing these proposed regulations, a number of issues have been identified and explored. The Board has proposed to resolve these issues as described below.

A. In general

1. *Substantive regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor.*—Section 215(d)(2) requires the Board to issue regulations that are ''the same as substantive regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (a) except to the extent that the Board may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section.'' 2 U.S.C. §1341(d)(2).

Consistent with its prior decisions on this issue, the Board has determined that all regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor after notice and comment to implement section 5 of the OSHAct are ''substantive regulations'' within the meaning of section 215(d). *See, e.g.*, 142 Cong. Rec. S5070, S5071–72 (daily ed. May 15, 1996) (NPRM implementing section 220(d)); 141 Cong. Rec. S17605 (daily ed. Nov. 28, 1995) (NPRM implementing section 203); see also *Reves v. Ernst & Young*, 113 S.Ct. 1163, 1169 (1993) (where same phrase or term is used in two different places in the same statute, reasonable for court to give each use a similar construction); *Sorenson v. Secretary of the Treasury*, 475 U.S. 851, 860 (1986) (normal rule of statutory construction assumes that identical words in different parts of same act are intended to have the same meaning).

In this regard, the Board has reviewed the provisions of section 215 of the CAA, the provisions of the OSHAct applied by that section, and the regulations of the Secretary of Labor to determine whether and to what extent those regulations are substantive regulations promulgated to implement the substantive safety and health standards of section 5 of the OSHAct. As explained more fully below, the Board proposes to adopt otherwise applicable substantive health and safety standards of the Secretary's regulations published at Parts 1910 and 1926 of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations (''29 CFR'') with only limited modifications. The Board proposes not to adopt as substantive regulations under section 215(d) of the CAA those provisions of the Secretary's regulations that were not promulgated to implement provisions of section 5 of the OSHAct.

In addition, the Board has proposed to make technical changes in definitions and nomenclature so that the regulations comport with the CAA and the organizational structure of the Office of Compliance. In the Board's judgment, making such changes satisfies the Act's ''good cause'' requirement. With the exception of such technical and nomenclature changes, however, the Board does not propose substantial departure from otherwise applicable regulations of the Secretary.

2. *The board will adopt the substantive safety and health standards contained in Parts 1910 and 1926 of title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations.*—Section 215(a) requires each employing office and covered employee to comply with the provisions of section 5 of the OSHAct, 29 U.S.C. §654. 2 U.S.C. §1341(a). Section 5(a) of the OSHAct provides that every covered employer has a general duty to furnish each employee with employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to those employees, and a specific duty to comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (''OSHA'') under the law. Section 5(b) requires covered employees to comply with occupational safety and health standards and with all rules, regulations and orders issued which are applicable to their actions and conduct.

The substantive occupational safety and health standards promulgated by OSHA which the Board intends to adopt are set forth at 29 CFR, Parts 1910 (general industry standards) and 1926 (construction industry standards). Although Part 1926 was originally promulgated by the Secretary under section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the substantive safety and health standards (subparts C through Z) are adopted and incorporated by reference into Part 1910. *See* 29 CFR §1910.12. These regulations implement the substantive safety and health standards referred to in section 5 of the OSHAct and thus are ''substantive regulations'' which the Board proposes to adopt under section 215(d) of the CAA. However, the Board proposes not to adopt those regulatory provisions in Parts 1910 and 1926 that have no conceivable applicability to operations of employing offices within the Legislative Branch or are unlikely to be invoked. See 141 Cong. Rec. at S17604 (Nov. 28, 1995) (NPRM implementing section 203).

Adoption of the substantive safety and health standards of Parts 1910 and 1926 is consistent with the language and legislative history of section 215, which confirms that Congress expected the law as enacted to require that covered employing offices and covered employees comply with the existing substantive occupational safety and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor. 141 Cong. Rec. S621, S625 (Jan. 9, 1995) (section 215 ''requires employees and employing offices . . . to comply with . . . the Occupational Safety and Health Standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor under section 6 of that act.''). Similarly, the section-by-section analysis of H.R. 4822, a precursor to the CAA, clearly states that Congress expected the Board to adopt OSHA occupational safety and health standards promulgated under section 6 of the OSHAct as its own:

''It is not intended that the Board will replicate the work of the Secretary of Labor by promulgating its own standards similar to those promulgated by the Secretary of Labor under section 6 of the OSHA [citation omitted]. Rather, it is intended that the Board will adopt the Secretary's [occupational safety and health] standards, and only where the Board believes different rules would better serve the interests of OSHA and this Act will it adopt different rules.'' S.Rep. 103–396 (Oct. 3, 1994).

Adoption of the substantive safety and health standards of Parts 1910 and 1926 is also consistent with existing safety and health practices of employing entities within the Legislative Branch. For example, the Architect of the Capitol, which has direct superintendence responsibility for the majority of facilities subject to section 215, has maintained a policy of voluntary compliance with the safety and health standards under Parts 1910 and 1926 through its safety and health program. *See Congressional Coverage Legislation: Applying Laws to Congress: Hearings on S.29, S.103, S.357, S.207, and S.2194*, Before the Senate Comm. on Govt. Affairs, 103d Cong., 3d Sess. 55–56 (1995) (testimony of J. Raymond Carroll, Director of Engineering, Office of the Architect of the Capitol).

The Board also notes that the General Counsel applied the occupational safety and health standards under Parts 1910 and 1926 in his initial inspection of Legislative Branch facilities pursuant to section 215(c) of the CAA. In contrast to other sections of the CAA, which generally give the Office of Compliance only adjudicatory and regulatory responsibilities, the General Counsel has the authority to investigate and prosecute alleged violations of safety and health standards under section 215, as well as the responsibility for inspecting covered facilities to

ensure compliance. In his final inspection report, the General Counsel stated his view that application of Parts 1910 and 1926 standards appeared appropriate for such operations. *See* Report on Initial Inspections of Facilities for Compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Under Section 215 (''Safety and Health Report''), p. I–2 (June 28, 1996).

For all of these reasons, the Board proposes to adopt all otherwise applicable sections of Parts 1910 and 1926 as substantive regulations under section 215(d).

3. *Modification of Parts 1910 and 1926, 29 CFR.*—The Board has considered whether and to what extent it should modify otherwise applicable substantive safety and health standards at 29 CFR, Parts 1910 and 1926. As the Board has noted in prior rulemakings, the language and legislative history of the CAA leads the Board to conclude that, absent clear statutory language to the contrary, the Board should hew as closely as possible to the text of otherwise applicable regulations implementing the statutory provisions applied to the Legislative Branch. *See, e.g.*, 142 Cong. Rec. S221, S222 (Jan. 22, 1996) (Notice of Adoption of Rules Implementing Section 203) (''The CAA was intended not only to bring covered employees the benefits of the . . . incorporated laws, but also require Congress to experience the same compliance burdens faced by other employers so that it could more fairly legislate in this area.''). Thus, consistent with its prior decisions, the Board proposes to issue Parts 1910 and 1926 of the Secretary's regulations with only technical changes in the nomenclature and deletion of those sections clearly inapplicable to the Legislative Branch. *See, e.g.*, 141 Cong. Rec. S17603–S17604 (Nov. 28, 1995) (preamble to NPRM under section 203 of the CAA).

This conclusion is also supported by the General Counsel's inspection report, which applied the substantive safety and health standards to covered facilities in the course of his initial inspections under section 215(e) of the CAA. Specifically, the report found nothing about work operations within facilities of the Legislative Branch that suggested that they were so different from those in comparable private sector facilities as to require a different safety and health standard. *See generally* Safety and Health Report. Thus, with the exception of nonsubstantive technical and nomenclature changes, the Board proposes no departure from the text of otherwise applicable portions of Parts 1910 and 1926.

4. *Secretary of Labor's regulations that the board proposes not to adopt.*—In reviewing the remaining parts of the Secretary's regulations, it is apparent that they either were not promulgated by the Secretary of Labor to implement the safety and health standards referred to in section 5 of the OSHAct and/or have no application to employing offices or other facilities within the Legislative Branch. For this reason, the Board is not including them within its substantive regulations. Among the excluded regulations are the following parts of 29 CFR: Part 1902 (adoption of health and safety standards and enforcement plans by States); Part 1908 (cooperative agreements between OSHA and the States); Parts 1911 and 1912 (procedure for promulgating, modifying or revoking occupational safety and health standards by OSHA); Parts 1915–1922 (occupational safety and health standards and procedures for shipyards, marine terminals, and longshoring operations); Part 1914 (safety and health standards applicable to workshops and rehabilitation facilities assisted by federal grants); Part 1925 (safety and health requirements under the Service Contract Act of 1965); Part 1928 (occupational safety and health standards applicable to agricultural operations); Part 1949 (OSHA Office of Training and Education regulations); Parts 1950–1956 (State occupational safety and health regulation and enforcement plans and planning grants to States); Part 1960 (occupational safety and health regulation of Federal executive branch employees and agencies, implementing section 19 of the OSHAct); Part 1975 (regulations clarifying the definition of employer under the OSHAct); Part 1978 (regulations implementing section 405 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982); Part 1990 (regulations relating to identification, classification, and regulation of potential occupational carcinogens); Part 2201 (regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act); Part 2202 (rules of ethics and conduct of Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission employees); Part 2203 (regulations implementing the Government in the Sunshine Act); Part 2204 (regulations implementing the Equal Access to Justice Act in Proceedings before the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission); Part 2205 (regulations enforcing the provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs or activities conducted by the OSHRC); and Part 2400 (regulations implementing the Privacy Act). Unless public comments demonstrate otherwise, the Board intends to include in the adopted regulations a provision stating that the Board has issued substantive regulations on all matters for which section 215(d) requires a regulation. *See* 2 U.S.C. §1411.

The Board will also not adopt as part of its regulations under section 215(d) of the CAA the rules of agency practice and procedure for the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (Part 2200), rules of agency practice and procedure regarding OSHA access to employee medical records (Part 1913), and rules implementing the rights and procedures regarding the antidiscrimination and anti-retaliation provisions of section 11 of the OSHAct (Part 1977). Although not within the scope of rulemaking under section 215(d), the Board has determined that the subject matter of these provisions may have general applicability to Board and Office proceedings under the CAA. Thus, these matters should be addressed, if at all, in the Office's development of appropriate changes in the procedural rules for section 215 cases that the Executive Director promulgates pursuant to section 303 of the CAA.

5. *Variance procedures.*—Section 215(c)(4) of the CAA authorizes the Board to consider and act on requests for variances by employing offices from otherwise applicable safety and health standards applied to them under this section, consistent with sections 6(b)(6) and 6(d) of the OSHAct. 2 U.S.C. §1341(c)(4). Part 1905, 29 CFR, contains the Secretary's rules of practice and procedure for variances under the OSHAct. Part 1905 was not promulgated to implement the health and safety standards referred to in section 5 of the OSHAct. Accordingly, it will not be adopted as part of the Board's section 215(d) regulations. However, the Board has determined that these regulations may concern matters ''governing the procedure of the Office'' and, therefore, may be addressed as part of a rulemaking under section 303 of the CAA.

6. *Procedure regarding inspections, citations, and notices.*—Section 215(c) of the CAA grants the General Counsel of the Office the authority under sections 8 and 9 of the OSHAct to inspect and investigate places of employment and issue citations and notices to employing offices responsible for correcting violations. 2 U.S.C. §1341(c). Part 1903 of the Secretary's regulations, which relates to the procedure for conducting inspections, and for issuing and contesting citations and proposed penalties, implements sections 8 and 9 of the OSHAct. The purpose of Part 1903, according to the Secretary, is to prescribe rules and to set forth general policies for enforcement of the inspection, citation, and proposed penalty provisions of the OSHAct. *See* 29 CFR 1903.1. Part 1903 does not implement any substantive right or protection under section 5 of the OSHAct or of any substantive health and safety standard thereunder. Accordingly, the Board will not adopt part 1903 as part of its section 215(d) regulations. However, the Executive Director may consider adopting some or all of the rules contained in Part 1903 as part of the procedural rules of the Office, as applicable and appropriate.

7. *Notice posting and recordkeeping requirements.*—Section 215(c)(1) of the CAA grants to the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance the authorities of the Secretary of Labor under the following subsections of section 8 of the OSHAct: (a) (authority of Secretary to enter, inspect, and investigate places of employment), (d) (methods of obtaining information), (e) (employer and employee representatives authorized to accompany inspectors), and (f) (requests for inspections), 29 U.S.C. section 657(a), (d), (e), and (f). 2 U.S.C. §1341(c)(1). Section 215 does not incorporate or make reference to section 8(c) of the OSHAct (requiring safety and health recordkeeping and posting of notices). More specifically, section 8(c) of the OSHAct is not a part of the rights and protections of section 5 of the OSHAct, nor is it a substantive safety and health standard referred to therein. Thus, section 215(d) of the CAA does not authorize the Board to incorporate the general notice and recordkeeping requirements promulgated by the Secretary to implement section 8(c) of the OSHAct and, consequently, such requirements (set forth at Part 1904) will not be imposed at this time. *See* 141 Cong. Rec. at S17604 (NPRM implementing section 203); 141 Cong. Rec. at S17656 (Nov. 28, 1995) (NPRM implementing section 204); 142 Cong. Rec. S221, S222 (Jan. 22, 1996) (Notice of Adoption of Regulations Implementing Section 203).

The Board also notes that there are certain recordkeeping requirements that are part of the substantive safety and health standards under parts 1910 and 1926, 29 CFR, such as employee exposure records under subpart Z. Thus, these regulations have been included in the Board's proposed regulations. *See* 141 Cong. Rec. at 17657 (daily ed. Jan. 22, 1996) (recordkeeping requirements included within portion of Employee Polygraph Protection Act applied by section 204 of the CAA must be included within the proposed rules).

The Board is also aware that Congress has enacted two special statutory provisions regarding safety and health that may already apply to some covered employing offices. Section 19(a) of the OSHAct, 29 U.S.C. §668(a), requires the head of each federal agency to ''establish and maintain an effective and comprehensive occupational safety and health program which is consistent with the standards promulgated [by OSHA] under section 655.'' Agency heads are also required to submit annual reports to the Secretary on occupational accidents and injuries and on the agency programs established under section 668. However, the statute itself gives the Secretary no enforcement authority against federal agencies. OSHA regulations implementing section 668 are not binding on Legislative Branch agencies unless by agreement between OSHA and the head of the agency. *See* 29 C.F.R. §1960.2(b).

The related provisions of 5 U.S.C. §7902 cover an agency in ''any branch of the Government of the United States.'' Section 7902 imposes recordkeeping and report requirements on each agency similar to the requirements of 29 U.S.C. §668. There is no apparent

mechanism for enforcement of section 7902 obligations regarding Legislative Branch agencies.

The above two provisions may arguably impose general recordkeeping requirements with respect to occupational accidents and injuries on some covered employing offices independent of the CAA, to the extent that such employing offices are found to be ''agencies'' within the meaning of those statutory provisions. The Board's resolution of the recordkeeping issue under section 215(e) of the CAA is not an attempt to modify the statutory provisions of 29 U.S.C. §668 and 5 U.S.C. §7902 and their applicability to Legislative Branch entities. Whether section 215 of the CAA and the regulations the Board proposes to implement thereunder can be harmonized with these preexisting statutory requirements not within the scope of the CAA that might independently apply to Legislative Branch entities is an issue that the Board has no occasion to address. *See* 142 Cong. Rec. at S224 (daily ed., Jan. 22, 1996) (Notice of Adoption of Regulations and Submission for Approval and Issuance of Interim Regulations under section 203 of the CAA) (declining to address issue of harmonizing regulations regarding overtime exemption for law enforcement officers under section 203 with preexisting statutory overtime exemption for Capitol Police under 40 U.S.C. §§206b–206c).

B. Proposed regulations

1. General provisions.—The proposed regulations include a section on matters of general applicability including the purpose and scope of the regulations, definitions, coverage, and the administrative authority of the Board and the Office of Compliance.

2. *Incorporation by Reference of Part 1910 and Part 1926 Standards.—The Board will incorporate by reference the portions of 29 CFR, Parts 1910 and 1926, it proposes to adopt, rather than setting forth the full text of those provisions in this Notice.*

Incorporation by reference of the safety and health standards set forth in Parts 1910 and 1926 is appropriate under the circumstances and meets the ''good cause'' requirement of the CAA. The portions of Parts 1910 and 1926 that the Board proposes to adopt by reference contain only substantive safety and health standards that are published in Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations and that are thus reasonably available to commenters and to affected employing offices and covered employees. Moreover, incorporation by reference of Parts 1910 and 1926 would substantially reduce the volume of material published in the Congressional Record: Part 1910 and 1926 are set forth in three volumes of the Code of Federal Regulations. If restated herein, the material would consist of almost 6,500 pages of text and accompanying illustrations. Given that these standards are proposed to be adopted without change by the Board and are readily accessible to potential commenters, incorporation by reference is appropriate.

3. *Method for Identifying Responsible Employing Offices and Establishing Categories of Violations.*—Section 215(d)(3) of the CAA directs the Board to include in its regulations a method for identifying, for purposes of section 215 and for different categories of violations of subsection (a), the employing office responsible for correction of a particular violation. 2 U.S.C. §1341(d)(3). The method developed by the Board to identify entities responsible for correcting a violation of section 215(a) is set forth in section 1.106 of the proposed regulations. Section 1.106 is based in large part on the methods adopted and applied by the General Counsel during his initial inspections of covered employing offices under section 215(e). *See* Safety and Health Report, App. V.

a. Identifying the employing office responsible for correcting violations. In considering rules for identifying the employing office responsible for correcting violations under section 215, the Board is mindful that any regulation that it promulgates should neither expand nor contract the statutory safety and health obligations of employing offices under section 215. *See White v. I.N.S.*, 75 F.3d 213, 215 (5th Cir. 1996) (agency cannot promulgate even substantive rules that are contrary to statute; if intent of Congress is clear, agency must give effect to that unambiguously expressed intent); *Conlan v. U.S. Dep't of Labor*, 76 F.23 271, 274 (9th Cir. 1996). Therefore, the Board has considered the nature of the safety and health obligations imposed on employing offices under the OSHAct, as applied by the terms of section 215(a). Specifically, the Board notes that section 215(a)(2)(C) expressly assigns liability to the employing office responsible for correcting the violation, ''irrespective of whether the particular employing office has an employment relationship with any covered employee in any employing office in which such violation occurs.''

In many cases, the primary employing office responsible for correcting the hazards identified under section 215 and for addressing the recommendations made by the General Counsel is the Architect of the Capitol, given the Architect's statutory responsibility for superintendence and control over the Capitol Building, House and Senate office buildings, and other similar facilities. *See, e.g.*, 40 U.S.C. §§163-166 (Capitol Building), 167-175 and 185a (House and Senate office buildings), 185 (Capitol Power Plant), 193a (Capitol grounds), and 216b (Botanical Garden). However, it is recognized that in some cases other employing offices, particularly the staff or occupants of office buildings under the Architect's superintendence, may have varying degrees of actual or apparent jurisdiction, authority, and responsibility for correction of violations. In other cases, the employing office may have a responsibility to notify or coordinate abatement of the hazard with the Architect of the Capitol or other employing office actually responsible for implementing the correction. Accordingly, proposed section 1.106 assigns responsibility to employing offices in four situations:

1. The employing office that actually created the hazard or condition identified. Frequently, the employing office that created the hazard is in the best position to correct the hazard, and has control over the manner and method of operations sufficient to avoid the hazard in the first place or reduce the hazard once created.

2. The employing office that is exposing its employees to the hazard or condition. Under the OSHAct, an employer has responsibility for the safety of its own employees and is required to instruct them about the hazards that might be encountered, including what protective measures to use. In the case of hazardous conditions, facilities, or equipment over which the employer has no control, it has a duty to at least warn its employees of the hazard and/or to prevent the employees exposure to the hazard by utilizing alternative locations or means to perform the work. *See Secretary of Labor v. Baker Tank Co.*, 17 OSHC 1177, 1180 (OSHRC April 10, 1995).

3. The employing office that is responsible for safety and health conditions in the workplace and has day-to-day control, in whole or in part, of the area where the hazard or condition is found. For example, a Member has effective control over his or her own office area, and has the responsibility for notifying the Architect or other responsible offices, when hazards are identified in his or her spaces, even though the Member may have no direct responsibility in many cases for carrying out the correction of the condition.

4. The employing office that is responsible for actually carrying out the correction (or for contacting other offices or otherwise arranging for correction of the hazard or condition). In many cases, the Architect is responsible for repairing and correcting physical hazards identified in his area of superintendence, such as electrical hazards. In some cases, other employing offices may have responsibility to actually carry out the correction, such as the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives with respect to carpet repair in House office buildings. In other cases, an employing office may have responsibility for arranging for such corrections. For example, in House office buildings, repair of carpeting falls within the jurisdiction of the Chief Administrative Officer. However, the Superintendent of the House Office buildings, an Architect official, may have some responsibility for notifying the Chief Administrative Officer that such repairs are needed, if the Member or office staff does not do so.

The above rules are derived from the so-called multi-employer doctrine applied by OSHA as a means of apportioning liability for abatement and penalties at multi-employer worksites where one employer created the hazard and some employees, but not necessarily its own, are exposed to it. *See generally Brennan v. OSHRC (Underhill Construction Corp.)*, 513 F.2d 1032, 1038 (2d Cir. 1975); Mark A. Rothstein, *Occupational Safety and Health Law* §§161–169 (3d ed. 1990). Under this doctrine, an employer at a multi-employer worksite is responsible, even in the absence of exposure of its own employees, for any hazardous conditions which it creates or controls. *Id. See also H.B. Zachry Co.*, 8 OSHC 1669, 1980 OSHD ¶25,588 (1980), *affirmed* 638 F.2d 812 (5th Cir. 1981); OSHA Field Inspection Reference Manual III–28 (1994).

There is an issue whether application of the multi-employer doctrine by OSHA in the private sector context is in all situations authorized by the OSHAct. *Compare Teal v. E.I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co.*, 728 F.2d 799, 804–05 (6th Cir. 1984) (''Once an employer is deemed responsible for complying with OSHA regulations, it is obligated to protect every employee who works at its workplace.'') and *Beatty Equip. Leasing v. Secretary of Labor*, F.2d 534, 537 (9th Cir. 1978) (subcontractor who supplied and erected scaffolding liable even where his own employees not exposed) with *Melerine v. Avondale Shipyards, Inc.*, 659 F.2d 706, 712 (5th Cir. 1981) (''In this circuit, therefore, the class protected by OSHA regulations comprises only employer's own employees.''). However, the Board need not address this issue because the CAA expressly imposes responsibility for correction of health and safety violations on an otherwise covered Legislative Branch entity ''irrespective of whether the entity has an employment relationship with any covered employee in any employing office in which such a violation occurs.'' 2 U.S.C. §1341(a)(2)(C). Accordingly, the above regulations are consistent with the OSHAct as modified by the express terms of section 215 of the CAA.

b. Classifying the level of risk/seriousness of the violation. The proposed regulations do not include a provision classifying categories of violations. The method for identifying the employing offices responsible for correcting a violation of section 215(a) set forth in section 1.106 of the proposed regulations is not affected by the category or type of violation. Moreover, such categories of violations are not set forth in any substantive regulations of the Secretary required to be adopted under section 215(d). Therefore, the Board does not propose any substantive regulations which set forth categories of violations.

The Board notes that the General Counsel has developed, as part of his authority to inspect covered facilities under section 215(e), classifications of violations to guide employing offices and covered employees in assigning priority for correction and abatement of hazards. The General Counsel's guidelines are based on those issued by OSHA in determining the amount of proposed penalties in cases involving private employers. *See generally* 29 U.S.C. §§666(j) and (k). Although neither the General Counsel nor the Office has authority to impose monetary penalties under section 215 of the CAA, *see* 2 U.S.C. §§1341(b) and 1361(c) (limiting remedy under section 215 to injunctive provisions of section 13(a) of the OSHAct and providing that no civil penalty may be awarded with respect to any claim under the CAA), the factors considered by OSHA in determining the amount of penalty may be useful as an expression of the gravity of the deficiency involved. A further description of these categories is set forth in the General Counsel's inspection report. *See* Safety and Health Report, App. I.

4. *Future changes in the text of the health and safety standards which the Board has adopted.*—The Board proposes that the section 215 regulations incorporate the text of the referenced health and safety standards of parts 1910 and 1926 in effect as of the effective date of these regulations. The Board takes notice that OSHA has in recent years made frequent changes, both technical and nontechnical, to its part 1910 and 1926 regulations, and is in the process of developing additional safety and health standards in some areas. The Board interprets the incorporation by reference of external documents or standards in the text of the adopted Parts 1910 and 1926 regulations (such as the provisions of the National Electrical Code) to include any future changes to such documents or standards. As the Office receives notice of such changes by OSHA, it will advise covered employing offices and employees of them as part of its education and information activities. As to changes in the text of the adopted regulations themselves, however, the Board finds that, under the CAA statutory scheme, additional Board rulemaking under section 215(d) will be required. The Board believes that it should afford Legislative Branch entities and employees potentially affected by adoption of such changes the opportunity to comment on the propriety of Board adoption of any such changes, and that the Congress should have the opportunity to specifically approve such adoption by the Board. The Board specifically invites comments on this proposal.

5. *Technical and nomenclature changes.*—The proposed regulations make technical and nomenclature changes, where appropriate, to conform to the provisions of the CAA.

Recommended method of approval: The Board recommends that (1) the version of the proposed regulations that shall apply to the Senate and employees of the Senate be approved by the Senate by resolution; (2) the version of the proposed regulations that shall apply to the House of Representatives and employees of the House of Representatives be approved by the House of Representatives by resolution; and (3) the version of the proposed regulations that shall apply to other covered employees and employing offices be approved by the Congress by concurrent resolution.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on this 18th day of September, 1996.

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APPLICATION OF RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970 (SECTION 215 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995)

Part 1——Matters of General Applicability to All Regulations Promulgated Uuder Section 215 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995

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§1.101 Purpose and scope.

(a) *Section 215 of the CAA.* Enacted into law on January 23, 1995, the Congressional Accountability Act (''CAA'') directly applies the rights and protections of eleven federal labor and employment law and public access statutes to covered employees and employing offices within the Legislative Branch. Section 215(a) of the CAA provides that each employing office and each covered employee shall comply with the provisions of section 5 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (''OSHAct''), 29 U.S.C. §654. Section 5(a) of the OSHAct provides that every covered employer has a general duty to furnish each employee with employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to those employees, and a specific duty to comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated under the law. Section 5(b) requires covered employees to comply with occupational safety and health standards and with all rules, regulations and orders which are applicable to their actions and conduct. Set forth herein are the substantive regulations that the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance has promulgated pursuant to section 215(d) of the CAA.

(b) *Purpose and scope of regulations.* The regulations set forth herein (Parts 1 and 1900) are the substantive regulations that the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance has promulgated pursuant to section 215(d) of the CAA. Part 1 contains the general provisions applicable to all regulations under section 215, including the method of identifying entities responsible for correcting a violation of section 215. Part 1900 contains the substantive safety and health standards which the Board has adopted as substantive regulations under section 215(e).

§1.102 Definitions.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in these regulations, as used in these regulations:

(a) *Act* or *CAA* means the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (Pub.L. 104–1, 109 Stat. 3, 2 U.S.C. §§1301–1438).

(b) *OSHAct* means the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. §§651, *et seq.*), as applied to covered employees and employing offices by Section 215 of the CAA.

(c) The term *covered employee* means any employee of (1) the House of Representatives; (2) the Senate; (3) the Capitol Guide Service; (4) the Capitol Police; (5) the Congressional Budget Office; (6) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol; (7) the Office of the Attending Physician; and (8) the Office of Compliance.

(d) The term *employee* includes an applicant for employment and a former employee.

(e) The term *employee of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol* includes any employee of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Botanic Gardens, or the Senate Restaurants.

(f) The term *employee of the Capitol Police* includes any member or officer of the Capitol Police.

(g) The term *employee of the House of Representatives* includes an individual occupying a position the pay for which is disbursed by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or another official designated by the House of Representatives, or any employment position in an entity that is paid with funds derived from the clerk-hire allowance of the House of Representatives but not any such individual employed by any entity listed in subparagraphs (3) through (8) of paragraph (c) above.

(h) The term *employee of the Senate* includes any employee whose pay is disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate, but not any such individual employed by any entity listed in subparagraphs (3) through (8) of paragraph (c) above.

(i) The term *employing office* means: (1) the personal office of a Member of the House of Representatives or the Senate or a joint committee; (2) a committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate or a joint committee; (3) any other office headed by a person with the final authority to appoint, hire, discharge, and set the terms, conditions, or privileges of the employment of an employee of the House of Representatives or the Senate; or (4) the Capitol Guide Board, the Congressional Budget Office, the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Office of the Attending Physician, and the Office of Compliance.

(j) The term *employing office* includes any of the following entities that is responsible for correction of a violation of this section, irrespective of whether the entity has an employment relationship with any covered employee in any employing office in which such violation occurs: (1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee; (2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee; (3) each joint committee of the Congress; (4) the Capitol Guide Service; (5) the Capitol Police; (6) the Congressional Budget Office; (7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden); (8) the Office of the Attending Physician; and (9) the Office of Compliance.

(k) *Board* means the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance.

(l) *Office* means the Office of Compliance.

(m) *General Counsel* means the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance.

§1.103 Coverage.

The coverage of Section 215 of the CAA extends to any ''covered employee.'' It also extends to any ''covered employing office,'' which includes any of the following entities that is responsible for correcting a violation of section 215 (as determined under section 1.106), irrespective of whether the entity has an employment relationship with any covered employee in any employing office in which such a violation occurs:

(1) each office of the Senate, including each office of a Senator and each committee;

(2) each office of the House of Representatives, including each office of a Member of the House of Representatives and each committee;

(3) each joint committee of the Congress;

(4) the Capitol Guide Service;

(5) the Capitol Police;

(6) the Congressional Budget Office;

(7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the Senate Restaurants and the Botanic Garden);

(8) the Office of the Attending Physician; and

(9) the Office of Compliance.

§1.104 Notice of protection.

Pursuant to section 301(h) of the CAA, the Office shall prepare, in a manner suitable for

posting, a notice explaining the provisions of section 215 of the CAA. Copies of such notice may be obtained from the Office of Compliance.

§1.105 Authority of the Board.

Pursuant to section 215 and 304 of the CAA, the Board is authorized to issue regulations to implement the rights and protections of section 215(a). Section 215(d) of the CAA directs the Board to promulgate regulations implementing section 215 that are ''the same as substantive regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (a) except to the extent that the Board may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section.'' 2 U.S.C. §1341(d). The regulations issued by the Board herein are on all matters for which section 215 of the CAA requires a regulation to be issued. Specifically, it is the Board's considered judgment, based on the information available to it at the time of promulgation of these regulations, that, with the exception of the regulations adopted and set forth herein, there are no other ''substantive regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsection (a) [of section 215 of the CAA]'' that need be adopted.

In promulgating these regulations, the Board has made certain technical and nomenclature changes to the regulations as promulgated by the Secretary. Such changes are intended to make the provisions adopted accord more naturally to situations in the Legislative Branch. However, by making these changes, the Board does not intend a substantive difference between these regulations and those of the Secretary from which they are derived. Moreover, such changes, in and of themselves, are not intended to constitute an interpretation of the regulation or of the statutory provisions of the CAA upon which they are based.

§1.106 Method for identifying the entity responsible for correction of violations of section 215.

(a) *Purpose and scope.* Section 215(d)(3) of the CAA provides that regulations under section 215(d) include a method of identifying, for purposes of this section and for categories of violations of section 215(a), the employing office responsible for correcting a particular violation. This section sets forth the method for identifying responsible employing offices for the purpose of allocating responsibility for correcting violations of section 215(a) of the CAA. These rules apply to the General Counsel in the exercise of his authority to issue citations or notices to employing offices under sections 215(c)(2)(A) and (B), and to the Office and the Board in the adjudication of complaints under section 215(c)(3).

(b) *Employing Office(s) Responsible for Correcting a Violation of Section 215(a) of the CAA.* With respect to the safety and health standards and other obligations imposed upon employing offices under section 215(a) of the CAA, correction of a violation of section 215(a) is the responsibility of any employing office that is an exposing employing office, a creating employing office, a controlling employing office, and/or a correcting employing office, as defined in this subsection, to the extent that the employing office is in a position to correct or abate the hazard or to ensure its correction or abatement.

(i) *Creating employing office* means the employing office that actually created the hazard forming the basis of the violation or violations of section 215(a).

(ii) *Exposing employing office* means the employing office whose employees are exposed to the hazard forming the basis of the violation or violations of section 215(a).

(iii) *Controlling employing office* means the employing office that is responsible, by agreement or legal authority or through actual practice, for safety and health conditions in the location where the hazard forming the basis for the violation or violations of section 215(a) occurred.

(iv) *Correcting employing office* means the employing office that has the responsibility for actually performing (or the authority or power to order or arrange for) the work necessary to correct or abate the hazard forming the basis of the violation or violations of section 215(a).

(c) *Exposing Employing Office Duties.* Employing offices have direct responsibility for the safety and health of their own employees and are required to instruct them about the hazards that might be encountered, including what protective measures to use. An employing office may not contract away these legal duties to its employees or its ultimate responsibilities under section 215(a) of the CAA by requiring another party or entity to perform them. In addition, if equipment or facilities to be used by an employing office, but not under the control of the employing office, do not meet applicable health and safety standards or otherwise constitutes a violation of section 215(a), it is the responsibility of the employing office not to permit its employees to utilize such equipment or facilities. In such circumstances, the employing office is in violation if, and only if, it permits its employees to utilize such equipment or facilities. It is not the responsibility of an employing office to effect the correction of any such deficiencies itself, but this does not relieve it of its duty to use only equipment or facilities that meet the requirements of section 215(a).

Part 1900—Adoption of Occupational Safety and Health Standards

Sec.

§1900.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) The provisions of this subpart B adopt and extend the applicability of occupational safety and health standards established and promulgated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (''OSHA'') and set forth at Parts 1910 and 1926 of title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, with respect to every employing office, employee, and employment covered by section 215 of the Congressional Accountability Act.

(b) It bears emphasis that only standards (i.e., substantive rules) relating to safety or health are adopted by any incorporations by reference of standards prescribed in this Part. Other materials contained in the referenced parts are not adopted. Illustrations of the types of materials which are not adopted are these. The incorporation by reference of part 1926, 29 CFR, is not intended to include references to interpretative rules having relevance to the application of the Construction Safety Act, but having no relevance to the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Similarly, the incorporation by reference of part 1910, 29 CFR, is not intended to include any reference to the Assistant Secretary of Labor and the authorities of the Assistant Secretary. The authority to adopt, promulgate, and amend or revoke standards applicable to covered employment under the CAA rests with the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance pursuant to sections 215(d) and 304 of the CAA. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the incorporated standards, the exclusive means for enforcement of these standards with respect to covered employment are the procedures and remedies provided for in section 215 of the CAA.

(c) This part incorporates the referenced safety and health standards in effect as of the effective date of these regulations.

§1900.2 Definitions, provisions regarding scope, applicability and coverage, and exemptions.

(a) Except where inconsistent with the definitions, provisions regarding scope, application and coverage, and exemptions provided in the CAA or other sections of these regulations, the definitions, provisions regarding scope, application and coverage, and exemptions provided in Parts 1910 and 1926, 29 CFR, as incorporated into these regulations, shall apply under these regulations. For example, any reference to ''employer'' in Parts 1910 and 1926 shall be deemed to refer to ''employing office.'' Similarly, any limitation on coverage in Parts 1910 and 1926 to employers engaged ''in a business that affects commerce'' shall not apply in these regulations.

(b) The provisions of section 1910.6, 29 CFR, regarding the force and effect of standards of agencies of the U.S. Government and organizations that are not agencies of the U.S. Government, which are incorporated by reference in Part 1910, shall apply to the standards incorporated into these regulations.

(c) It is the Board's intent that the standards adopted in these regulations shall have the same force and effect as applied to covered employing offices and employees under section 215 of the CAA as those standards have when applied by OSHA to employers, employees, and places of employment under the jurisdiction of OSHA and the OSHAct.

§1900.3 Adoption of occupational safety and health standards.

(a) *Part 1910 Standards.* The standards prescribed in 29 CFR part 1910, Subparts B through S, and Subpart Z, as specifically referenced and set forth herein at Appendix A, are adopted as occupational safety and health standards under Section 215(d) of the CAA and shall apply, according to the provisions thereof, to every employment and place of employment of every covered employee engaged in work in an employing office. Each employing office shall protect the employment and places of employment of each of its covered employees by complying with the appropriate standards described in this paragraph.

(b) *Part 1926 Standards.* The standards prescribed in 29 CFR part 1926, Subparts C through X and Subpart Z, as specifically referenced and forth herein at Appendix B, are adopted as occupational safety and health standards under Section 215(d) of the CAA and shall apply, according to the provisions thereof, to every employment and place of employment of every covered employee engaged in work in an employing office. Each employing office shall protect the employment and places of employment of each of its covered employees by complying with the appropriate standards described in this paragraph.

(c) *Standards not adopted.* This section adopts as occupational safety and health standards under section 215(d) of the CAA the standards which are prescribed in Parts 1910 and 1926 of 29 CFR. Thus, the standards (substantive rules) published in subparts B through S and Z of part 1910 and subparts C through X and Z of part 1926 are applied. As set forth in Appendix A and Appendix B to this Part, this section does not incorporate all sections contained in these subparts. For example, this section does not incorporate sections 1910.15, 1910.16, and 1910.142, relating

to shipyard employment, longshoring and marine terminals, and temporary labor camps, because such provisions have no application to employment within entities covered by the CAA.

(d) Copies of the standards which are incorporated by reference may be examined at the Office of Compliance, Room LA 200, 110 Second Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540–1999. The OSHA standards may also be found at 29 CFR Parts 1910 and 1926. Copies of the standards may also be examined at the national office of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210, and their regional offices. Copies of private standards may be obtained from the issuing organizations. Their names and addresses are listed in the pertinent subparts of Parts 1910 and 1926, 29 CFR.

(e) Any changes in the standards incorporated by reference in the portions of Parts 1910 and 1926, 29 CFR, adopted herein and an official historic file of such changes are available for inspection at the national office of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Appendix A To Part 1900—References to Sections of Part 1910, 29 CFR, Adopted as Occupational Safety and Health Standards Under Section 215(d) of the CAA

The following is a reference listing of the sections and subparts of Part 1910, 29 CFR, which are adopted as occupational safety and health standards under section 215(d) of the Congressional Accountability Act. Unless otherwise specifically noted, any reference to a section number includes any appendices to that section.

Part 1910—Occupational Safety and Health Standards

Subpart B—Adoption and Extension of Established Federal Standards

Sec.
1910.12 Construction work.
1910.18 Changes in established Federal standards.
1910.19 Special provisions for air contaminants.

Subpart C—General Safety and Health Provisions [Reserved]

Subpart D—Walking—Working Surfaces

1910.21 Definitions.
1910.22 General requirements.
1910.23 Guarding floor and wall openings and holes.
1910.24 Fixed industrial stairs.
1910.25 Portable wood ladders.
1910.26 Portable metal ladders.
1910.27 Fixed ladders.
1910.28 Safety requirements for scaffolding.
1910.29 Manually propelled mobile ladder stands and scaffolds (towers).
1910.30 Other working surfaces.

Subpart E—Means of Egress

1910.35 Definitions.
1910.36 General requirements.
1910.37 Means of egress, general.
1910.38 Employee emergency plans and fire prevention plans.
APPENDIX TO SUBPART E—MEANS OF EGRESS

Subpart F—Powered Platforms, Manlifts, and Vehicle-Mounted Work Platforms

1910.66 Powered platforms for building maintenance.
1910.67 Vehicle-mounted elevating and rotating work platforms.
1910.68 Manlifts.

Subpart G—Occupational Health and Environmental Control

1910.94 Ventilation.
1910.95 Occupational noise exposure.
1910.97 Nonionizing radiation.

Subpart H—Hazardous Materials

1910.101 Compressed gases (general requirements).
1910.102 Acetylene.
1910.103 Hydrogen.
1910.104 Oxygen.
1910.105 Nitrous oxide.
1910.106 Flammable and combustible liquids.
1910.107 Spray finishing using flammable and combustible materials.
1910.108 Dip tanks containing flammable or combustible liquids.
1910.109 Explosives and blasting agents.
1910.110 Storage and handling of liquefied petroleum gases.
1910.111 Storage and handling of anhydrous ammonia.
1910.112 [Reserved]
1910.113 [Reserved]
1910.119 Process safety management of highly hazardous chemicals.
1910.120 Hazardous waste operations and emergency response.

Subpart I—Personal Protective Equipment

1910.132 General requirements.
1910.133 Eye and face protection.
1910.134 Respiratory protection.
1910.135 Head protection.
1910.136 Foot protection.
1910.137 Electrical protective devices.
1910.138 Hand Protection.

Subpart J—General Environmental Controls

1910.141 Sanitation.
1910.143 Nonwater carriage disposal systems. [Reserved]
1910.144 Safety color code for marking physical hazards.
1910.145 Specifications for accident prevention signs and tags.
1910.146 Permit-required confined spaces.
1910.147 The control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout).

Subpart K—Medical and First Aid

1910.151 Medical services and first aid.
1910.152 [Reserved]

Subpart L—Fire Protection

1910.155 Scope, application and definitions applicable to this subpart.
1910.156 Fire brigades.
PORTABLE FIRE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT
1910.157 Portable fire extinguishers.
1910.158 Standpipe and hose systems.
FIXED FIRE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT
1910.159 Automatic sprinkler systems.
1910.160 Fixed extinguishing systems, general.
1910.161 Fixed extinguishing systems, dry chemical.
1910.162 Fixed extinguishing systems, gaseous agent.
1910.163 Fixed extinguishing systems, water spray and foam.
OTHER FIRE PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS
1910.164 Fire detection systems.
1910.165 Employee alarm systems.
APPENDICES TO SUBPART L
APPENDIX A TO SUBPART L—FIRE PROTECTION
APPENDIX B TO SUBPART L—NATIONAL CONSENSUS STANDARDS
APPENDIX C TO SUBPART L—FIRE PROTECTION REFERENCES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
APPENDIX D TO SUBPART L—AVAILABILITY OF PUBLICATIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN SECTION 1910.156 FIRE BRIGADES
APPENDIX E TO SUBPART L—TEST METHODS FOR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Subpart M—Compressed Gas and Compressed Air Equipment

1910.166 [Reserved]
1910.167 [Reserved]
1910.168 [Reserved]
1910.169 Air receivers.

Subpart N—Materials Handling and Storage

1910.176 Handling material—general.
1910.177 Servicing multi-piece and single piece rim wheels.
1910.178 Powered industrial trucks.
1910.179 Overhead and gantry cranes.
1910.180 Crawler locomotive and truck cranes.
1910.181 Derricks.
1910.183 Helicopters.
1910.184 Slings.

Subpart O—Machinery and Machine Guarding

1910.211 Definitions.
1910.212 General requirements for all machines.
1910.213 Woodworking machinery requirements.
1910.215 Abrasive wheel machinery.
1910.216 Mills and calenders in the rubber and plastics industries.
1910.217 Mechanical power presses.
1910.218 Forging machines.
1910.219 Mechanical power-transmission apparatus.

Subpart P—Hand and Portable Powered Tools and Other Hand-Held Equipment

1910.241 Definitions.
1910.242 Hand and portable powered tools and equipment, general.
1910.243 Guarding of portable powered tools.
1910.244 Other portable tools and equipment.

Subpart Q—Welding, Cutting, and Brazing

1910.251 Definitions.
1910.252 General requirements.
1910.253 Oxygen-fuel gas welding and cutting.
1910.254 Arc welding and cutting.
1910.255 Resistance welding.

Subpart R—Special Industries

1910.263 Bakery equipment.
1910.264 Laundry machinery and operations.
1910.266 Logging operations.
1910.268 Telecommunications.
1910.269 Electric power generation, transmission, and distribution.

Subpart S—Electrical

GENERAL
1910.301 Introduction.
DESIGN SAFETY STANDARDS FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS
1910.302 Electric utilization systems.
1910.303 General requirements.
1910.304 Wiring design and protection.
1910.305 Wiring methods, components, and equipment for general use.
1910.306 Specific purpose equipment and installations.
1910.307 Hazardous (classified) locations.
1910.308 Special systems.
1910.309–1910.330 [Reserved]
SAFETY-RELATED WORK PRACTICES
1910.331 Scope.
1910.332 Training.
1910.333 Selection and use of work practices.
1910.334 Use of equipment.
1910.335 Safeguards for personnel protection.
1910.336–1910.360 [Reserved]
SAFETY-RELATED MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS
1910.361–1910.380 [Reserved]
SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
1910.381–1910.398 [Reserved]
DEFINITIONS
1910.399 Definitions applicable to this subpart.
APPENDIX A TO SUBPART S—REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
APPENDIX B TO SUBPART S—EXPLANATORY DATA [RESERVED]
APPENDIX C TO SUBPART S—TABLES, NOTES, AND CHARTS [RESERVED]

The following is a reference listing of the sections and subparts of Part 1926, 29 CFR, which are adopted as occupational safety and health standards under section 215(d) of the Congressional Accountability Act. Unless otherwise specifically noted, any reference to a section number includes the appendices to that section.

Part 1926—Safety and Health Regulations for Construction

NOTE

(Due to printing errors in the section of the RECORD of September 18, 1996 pertaining to the Carjacking Correction Act, material was omitted. The permanent RECORD will be corrected to reflect the following.)

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 3676, S. 2006, AND S. 2007

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the consideration en bloc of H.R. 3676, which is at the desk, calendar 560, which is S. 2006, and calendar 561, which is S. 2007, that the bills be deemed read for a third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, and any statements relating to these bills appear at the appropriate point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CARJACKING CORRECTION ACT OF 1996

A bill (H.R. 3676) to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition, was considered.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise in strong support of the Carjacking Correction Act of 1996, a bill I introduced earlier this year in the Senate, the companion of which, H.R. 3676, has now come over from the House. This bill adds an important clarification to the Federal carjacking statute, to provide that a rape committed during a carjacking should be considered a serious bodily injury.

I am pleased to be joined in this effort by the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, Senator BIDEN. He has long been a leader in addressing the threat of violence against women, and demonstrates that again today.

I also want to thank Representative JOHN CONYERS, the ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee, who brought this matter to my attention, and has led the effort in the House for passage of this legislation.

This correction to the law is necessitated by the fact that at least one court has held that under the Federal carjacking statute, rape would not constitute a ''serious bodily injury.'' Few crimes are as brutal, vicious, and harmful to the victim than rape by an armed thug. Yet, under this interpretation, the sentencing enhancement for such injury may not be applied to a carjacker who brutally rapes his victim.

In my view, Congress should act now to clarify the law in this regard. The bill I introduced this year, S. 2006, and its companion House bill, H.R. 3676, would do this by specifically including rape as serious bodily injury under the statute.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and anticipate its swift passage.

The bill (H.R. 3676) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

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The bill (S. 2006) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 2006

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Carjacking Correction Act of 1996''.

SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF INTENT OF CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO THE FEDERAL CARJACKING PROHIBITION.

Section 2119(2) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting '', including any conduct that, if the conduct occurred in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, would violate section 2241 or 2242 of this title'' after ''(as defined in section 1365 of this title)''.

CARJACKING CORRECTION ACT OF 1996

A bill (S. 2007) to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition, was considered.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I am very pleased that this bill will soon become law. I commend my cosponsor, Senator HATCH. And I also commend Representative CONYERS, who championed this bill over in the House, and with whom I was proud to work on it.

A few months ago, the first circuit court of appeals made a mistake. It made, in my view, a very big mistake: It said that the term ''serious bodily injury'' in one of our federal statutes does not include rape.

Let me tell you about the case. One night near midnight, a woman went to her car after work. While she was getting something out of the back seat, a man with a knife came up from behind and forced her back into the car. He drive her to a remote beach, ordered her to take off her clothes, and made her squat down on her hands-and-knees.

Then he raped her. After the rape, he drove off in her car, leaving her alone on the side of the road.

This man was convicted under the federal carjacking statute. That statute provides an enhanced sentence of up to 25 years if the defendant inflicts serious bodily injury in the course of a carjacking.

When it got time to sentence the defendant, the prosecutor asked the court to enhance the sentence because of the rape. Mind you, there was no dispute that the defendant had, in fact, raped the victim.

The trial judge agreed with the prosecutor, and gave the defendant the statutory 25 years maximum, finding that the rape constituted serious bodily injury.

But when the case went up to the first circuit, that court said 'no'—rape is not serious bodily injury. To support its ruling, and I'm now quoting the opinion, the court said that ''there was no evidence of any cuts or bruises in her vaginal area.''

That, in my view, is absolutely outrageous—and Senator HATCH and I proposed this bill to set matters straight.

Under the code, ''seriously bodily injury'' has several definitions. It includes: a substantial risk of death; protracted and obvious disfigurement; protracted loss or impairment of a bodily part or mental faculty; and it also includes extreme physical pain.

It takes no great leap of logic to see that a rape involves extreme physical pain. And I would go so far as to say that only a panel of male judges could fail to make that leap and even think—let alone rule—that rape does not involve extreme pain.

Rape is one of the most brutal and serious crimes any woman can experience. It is a violation of the first order, but it has all too often been treated like a second-class crime. According to a report I issued a few years ago, a robber is 30 percent more likely to be convicted than a rapist; a rape prosecution is more than twice as likely as a murder prosecution to be dismissed; a convicted rapist is 50 percent more likely to receive probation than a convicted robber.

No crime carries a perfect record of arrest, prosecution, and incarceration—but the record for rape is especially wanting.

And this first circuit decision helps explain why: too often, our criminal justice system just doesn't get it.

If the first circuit decision were allowed to stand, it would mean that a criminal would spend more time behind bars for breaking a man's arm than for raping a woman.

For 5 long years, I worked to pass a piece of legislation that I have cared about like no other: The Violence Against Women Act. The act does a great many practical things:

It funds more police and prosecutors specially trained and devoted to combating rape and family violence.

It trains police, prosecutors, and judges in the ways of rape and family violence—so they can better understand and respond to the problem;

It provides shelters for more than 60,000 battered women and their children;

It provides extra lighting and emergency phones in subways, bus stops and parks;

It provides for more rape crises centers;

It set up a national hotline that battered women can call around the clock—to get advice and counseling when they are in the throes of a crisis;

And we're getting rape education efforts going with our young people—so we can break the cycle of violence before it gets started.

But the Violence Against Women Act also meant to do something else, beyond these concrete measures: it also sent a clarion call across our land that crimes against women will no longer be treated as second class crimes.

For too long, the victims of these crimes have been seen not as innocent targets of brutality, but as participants who somehow bear shame or even some responsibility for the violence.

This is especially true when it comes to victims who know their assailants. For too long, we have been quick to call theirs a private misfortune rather than a public disgrace. We have viewed the crime as less than criminal, the abuser less than culpable, and the victim less than worthy of justice.

We must remain ever vigilant in our efforts to make our streets and our neighborhoods and our homes safe for women.

And we need to make sure—right now—that no judge ever misreads the carjacking statute again. With this bill, we are telling them that we intend, that we always intended, for those words ''serious bodily injury'' to mean rape—no if's, and's or but's.

I thank my colleagues for their support.

The bill (S. 2007) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 2007

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Carjacking Correction Act of 1996''.

SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF INTENT OF CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO THE FEDERAL CARJACKING PROHIBITION.

Section 2119(2) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting '', including any conduct that, if the conduct occurred in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, would violate section 2241 or 2242 of this title'' after ''(as defined in section 1365 of this title)''.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD AMENDMENTS OF 1996

The text of the bill (H.R. 3159) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999 for the National Transportation Safety Board, and for other purposes, as passed by the

Senate on September 18, 1996, is as follows:

H.R. 3159

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 3159) entitled ''An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999 for the National Transportation Safety Board, and for other purposes'', do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

TITLE I—NTSB AMENDMENTS

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''National Transportation Safety Board Amendments of 1996''.

SEC. 102. FOREIGN INVESTIGATIONS.

Section 1114 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking ''(b) and (c)'' in subsection (a) and inserting ''(b), (c), and (e)''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(e) FOREIGN INVESTIGATIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, neither the Board, nor any agency receiving information from the Board, shall disclose records or information relating to its participation in foreign aircraft accident investigations; except that—

''(A) the Board shall release records pertaining to such an investigation when the country conducting the investigation issues its final report or 2 years following the date of the accident, whichever occurs first; and

''(B) the Board may disclose records and information when authorized to do so by the country conducting the investigation.

''(2) SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS.—Nothing in this subsection shall restrict the Board at any time from referring to foreign accident investigation information in making safety recommendations.''.

SEC. 103. PROTECTION OF VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION.

Section 1114(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(3) PROTECTION OF VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, neither the Board, nor any agency receiving information from the Board, shall disclose voluntarily provided safety-related information if that information is not related to the exercise of the Board's accident or incident investigation authority under this chapter and if the Board finds that the disclosure of the information would inhibit the voluntary provision of that type of information.''.

SEC. 104. TRAINING.

Section 1115 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(d) TRAINING OF BOARD EMPLOYEES AND OTHERS.—The Board may conduct training of its employees in those subjects necessary for the proper performance of accident investigation. The Board may also authorize attendance at courses given under this subsection by other government personnel, personnel of foreign governments, and personnel from industry or otherwise who have a requirement for accident investigation training. The Board may require non-Board personnel to reimburse some or all of the training costs, and amounts so reimbursed shall be credited to the appropriation of the 'National Transportation Safety Board, Salaries and Expenses' as offsetting collections.''.

SEC. 105. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 1118(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking ''and''; and

(2) by inserting before the period at the end of the first sentence the following: '', $42,400,00 for fiscal year 1997, $44,400,000 for fiscal year 1998, and $46,600,000 for fiscal year 1999.''.

TITLE II—INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION

SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Intermodal Safe Container Transportation Amendments Act of 1996''.

SEC. 202. AMENDMENT OF TITLE 49, UNITED STATES CODE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 49 of the United States Code.

SEC. 203. DEFINITIONS.

Section 5901 (relating to definitions) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(1) except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the definitions in sections 10102 and 13102 of this title apply.'';

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following:

''(6) 'gross cargo weight' means the weight of the cargo, packaging materials (including ice), pallets, and dunnage.''.

SEC. 204. NOTIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION.

(a) PRIOR NOTIFICATION.—Subsection (a) of section 5902 (relating to prior notification) is amended—

(1) by striking ''Before a person tenders to a first carrier for intermodal transportation a'' and inserting ''If the first carrier to which any'';

(2) by striking ''10,000 pounds (including packing material and pallets), the person shall give the carrier a written'' and inserting ''29,000 pounds is tendered for intermodal transportation is a motor carrier, the person tendering the container or trailer shall give the motor carrier a'';

(3) by striking ''trailer.'' and inserting ''trailer before the tendering of the container or trailer.'';

(4) by striking ''electronically.'' and inserting ''electronically or by telephone.''; and

(5) by adding at the end thereof the following: ''This subsection applies to any person within the United States who tenders a container or trailer subject to this chapter for intermodal transportation if the first carrier is a motor carrier.''.

(b) CERTIFICATION.—Subsection (b) of section 5902 (relating to certification) is amended to read as follows:

''(b) CERTIFICATION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—A person who tenders a loaded container or trailer with an actual gross cargo weight of more than 29,000 pounds to a first carrier for intermodal transportation shall provide a certification of the contents of the container or trailer in writing, or electronically, before or when the container or trailer is so tendered.

''(2) CONTENTS OF CERTIFICATION.—The certification required by paragraph (1) shall include—

''(A) the actual gross cargo weight;

''(B) a reasonable description of the contents of the container or trailer;

''(C) the identity of the certifying party;

''(D) the container or trailer number; and

''(E) the date of certification or transfer of data to another document, as provided for in paragraph (3).

''(3) TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATION DATA.—A carrier who receives a certification may transfer the information contained in the certification to another document or to electric format for forwarding to a subsequent carrier. The person transferring the information shall state on the forwarded document the date on which the data was transferred and the identity of the party who performed the transfer.

''(4) SHIPPING DOCUMENTS.—For purposes of this chapter, a shipping document, prepared by the person who tenders a container or trailer to a first carrier, that contains the information required by paragraph (2) meets the requirements of paragraph (1).

''(5) USE OF 'FREIGHT ALL KINDS' TERM.—The term 'Freight All Kinds' or 'FAK' may not be used for the purpose of certification under section 5902(b) after December 31, 2000, as a commodity description for a trailer or container if the weight of any commodity in the trailer or container equals or exceeds 20 percent of the total weight of the contents of the trailer or container. This subsection does not prohibit the use of the term after that date for rating purposes.

''(6) SEPARATE DOCUMENT MARKING.—If a separate document is used to meet the requirements of paragraph (1), it shall be conspicuously marked 'INTERMODAL CERTIFICATION'.

''(7) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection applies to any person, domestic or foreign, who first tenders a container or trailer subject to this chapter for intermodal transportation within the United States.''.

(c) FORWARDING CERTIFICATIONS.—Subsection (c) of section 5902 (relating to forwarding certifications to subsequent carriers) is amended—

(1) by striking ''transportation.'' and inserting ''transportation before or when the loaded intermodal container or trailer is tendered to the subsequent carrier. If no certification is received by the subsequent carrier before or when the container or trailer is tendered to it, the subsequent carrier may presume that no certification is required.''; and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following: ''If a person inaccurately transfers the information on the certification, or fails to forward the certification to a subsequent carrier, then that person is liable to any person who incurs any bond, fine, penalty, cost (including storage), or interest for any such fine, penalty, cost (including storage), or interest incurred as a result of the inaccurate transfer of information or failure to forward the certification. A subsequent carrier who incurs a bond, fine, penalty, or cost (including storage), or interest as a result of the inaccurate transfer of the information, or the failure to forward the certification, shall have a lien against the contents of the container or trailer under section 5905 in the amount of the bond, fine, penalty, or cost (including storage), or interest and all court costs and legal fees incurred by the carrier as a result of such inaccurate transfer or failure.''.

(d) LIABILITY.—Section 5902 is amended by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e), and by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

''(d) LIABILITY TO OWNER OR BENEFICIAL OWNER.—If—

''(1) a person inaccurately transfers information on a certification required by subsection (b)(1), or fails to forward a certification to the subsequent carrier;

''(2) as a result of the inaccurate transfer of such information or a failure to forward a certification, the subsequent carrier incurs a bond, fine, penalty, or cost (including storage), or interest; and

''(3) that subsequent carrier exercises its rights to a lien under section 5905,

then that person is liable to the owner or beneficial owner, or to any other person paying the amount of the lien to the subsequent carrier, for the amount of the lien and all costs related to the imposition of the lien, including court costs and legal fees incurred in connection with it.''.

(e) NONAPPLICATION.—Subsection (e) of section 5902, as redesignated, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and

(2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as redesignated, the following:

''(1) The notification and certification requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section do not apply to any intermodal container or

trailer containing consolidated shipments loaded by a motor carrier if that motor carrier—

''(A) performs the highway portion of the intermodal movement; or

''(B) assumes the responsibility for any weight-related fine or penalty incurred by any other motor carrier that performs a part of the highway transportation.''.

SEC. 205. PROHIBITIONS.

Section 5903 (relating to prohibitions) is amended—

(1) by inserting after ''person'' a comma and the following: ''To whom section 5902(b) applies,'';

(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

''(b) TRANSPORTING PRIOR TO RECEIVING CERTIFICATION.—

''(1) PRESUMPTION.—If no certification is received by a motor carrier before or when a loaded intermodal container or trailer is tendered to it, the motor carrier may presume that the gross cargo weight of the container or trailer is less than 29,001 pounds.

''(2) COPY OF CERTIFICATION NOT REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY CONTAINER OR TRAILER.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, a copy of the certification required by section 5902(b) is not required to accompany the intermodal container or trailer.'';

(3) by striking ''10,000 pounds (including packing materials and pallets)'' in subsection (c)(1) and inserting ''29,000 pounds''; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

''(d) NOTICE TO LEASED OPERATORS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—If a motor carrier knows that the gross cargo weight of an intermodal container or trailer subject to the certification requirements of section 5902(b) would result in a violation of applicable State gross vehicle weight laws, then—

''(A) the motor carrier shall give notice to the operator of a vehicle which is leased by the vehicle operator to a motor carrier that transports an intermodal container or trailer of the gross cargo weight of the container or trailer as certified to the motor carrier under section 5902(b);

''(B) the notice shall be provided to the operator prior to the operator being tendered the container or trailer;

''(C) the notice required by this subsection shall be in writing, but may be transmitted electronically; and

''(D) the motor carrier shall bear the burden of proof to establish that it tendered the required notice to the operator.

''(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—If the operator of a leased vehicle transporting a container or trailer subject to this chapter is fined because of a violation of a State's gross vehicle weight laws or regulations and the lessee motor carrier cannot establish that it tendered to the operator the notice required by paragraph (1) of this subsection, then the operator shall be entitled to reimbursement from the motor carrier in the amount of any fine and court costs resulting from the failure of the motor carrier to tender the notice to the operator.''.

SEC. 206. LIENS.

Section 5905 (relating to liens) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

''(a) GENERAL.—If a person involved in the intermodal transportation of a loaded container or trailer for which a certification is required by section 5902(b) of this title is required, because of a violation of a State's gross vehicle weight laws or regulations, to post a bond or pay a fine, penalty, cost (including storage), or interest resulting from—

''(1) erroneous information provided by the certifying party in the certification to the first carrier in violation of section 5903(a) of this title;

''(2) the failure of the party required to provide the certification to the first carrier to provide it;

''(3) the failure of a person required under section 5902(c) to forward the certification to forward it; or

''(4) an error occurring in the transfer of information on the certification to another document under section 5902(b)(3) or (c), then the person posting the bond, or paying the fine, penalty, costs (including storage), or interest has a lien against the contents equal to the amount of the bond, fine, penalty, cost (including storage), or interest incurred, until the person receives a payment of that amount from the owner or beneficial owner of the contents, or from the person responsible for making or forwarding the certification, or transferring the information from the certification to another document.'';

(2) by inserting a comma and ''or the owner or beneficial owner of the contents,'' after ''first carrier'' in subsection 9(b)(1); and

(3) by striking ''cost, or interest.'' in subsection (b)(1) and inserting ''cost (including storage), or interest. The lien shall remain in effect until the lien holder has received payment for all costs and expenses described in subsection (a) of this section.''.

SEC. 207. PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

Section 5906 (relating to perishable agricultural commodities) is amended by striking ''Sections 5904(a)(2) an 5905 of this title do'' and inserting ''Section 5905 of this title does''.

SEC. 208. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5907 (relating to regulations and effective date) is amended to read as follows:

''§ 5907. Effective date

''This chapter shall take effect 180 days after the date of enactment of the Intermodal Safe Container Transportation Amendments Act of 1996.''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 59 is amended by striking the item relating to section 5907 and inserting the following:

''5907. Effective date''.

SEC. 209. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 59 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

''§ 5908. Relationship to other laws

''Nothing in this chapter affects—

''(1) chapter 51 (relating to transportation of hazardous material) or the regulations promulgated under that chapter; or

''(2) any State highway weight or size law or regulation applicable to tractor-trailer combinations.''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for such chapter is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

''5908. Relationship to other laws''.

Mr. STEVENS. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT CONCERNING THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO ANGOLA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 170

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

I hereby report to the Congress on the developments since March 25, 1996, concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola that was declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1993. This report is submitted pursuant to section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).

On September 26, 1993, I declared a national emergency with respect to Angola, invoking the authority, *inter alia*, of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) and the United Nations Participation Act of 1945 (22 U.S.C. 287c). Consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolution 864, dated September 15, 1993, the order prohibited the sale or supply by United States persons or from the United States, or using U.S.-registered vessels or aircraft, of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles, equipment and spare parts, and petroleum and petroleum products to the territory of Angola other than through designated points of entry. The order also prohibited such sale or supply to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (''UNITA''). United States persons are prohibited from activities that promote or are calculated to promote such sales or supplies, or from attempted violations, or from evasion or avoidance or transactions that have the purpose of evasion or avoidance, of the stated prohibitions. The order authorized the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, as might be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order.

1. On December 10, 1993, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued the UNITA (Angola) Sanctions Regulations (the ''Regulations'') (58 *Fed. Reg.* 64904) to implement the President's declaration of a national emergency and imposition of sanctions against Angola (UNITA). There have been no amendments to the Regulations since my report of March 25, 1996.

The Regulations prohibit the sale or supply by United States persons or from the United States, or using U.S.-registered vessels or aircraft, of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles, equipment and spare

parts, and petroleum and petroleum products to UNITA or to the territory of Angola other than through designated points. United States persons are also prohibited from activities that promote or are calculated to promote such sales or supplies to UNITA or Angola, or from any transaction by any United States persons that evades or avoids, or has the purpose of evading or avoiding, or attempts to violate, any of the prohibitions set forth in the Executive order. Also prohibited are transactions by United States persons, or involving the use of U.S.-registered vessels or aircraft, relating to transportation to Angola or UNITA of goods the exportation of which is prohibited.

The Government of Angola has designated the following points of entry as points in Angola to which the articles otherwise prohibited by the Regulations may be shipped: *Airports:* Luanda and Katumbela, Benguela Province; *Ports:* Luanda and Lobito, Benguela Province; and Namibe, Namibe Province; and *Entry Points:* Malongo, Cabinda Province. Although no specific license is required by the Department of the Treasury for shipments to these designated points of entry (unless the item is destined for UNITA), any such exports remain subject to the licensing requirements of the Departments of State and/or Commerce.

2. The OFAC has worked closely with the U.S. financial community to assure a heightened awareness of the sanctions against UNITA—through the dissemination of publications, seminars, and notices to electronic bulletin boards. This educational effort has resulted in frequent calls from banks to assure that they are not routing funds in violation of these prohibitions. United States exporters have also been notified of the sanctions through a variety of media, including special fliers and computer bulletin board information initiated by OFAC and posted through the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Government Printing Office. There have been no license applications under the program.

3. The expenses incurred by the Federal Government in the 6-month period from March 26, 1996, through September 25, 1996, that are directly attributable to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by the declaration of a national emergency with respect to Angola (UNITA) are reported to be about $227,000, most of which represents wage and salary costs for Federal personnel. Personnel costs were largely centered in the Department of the Treasury (particularly in the Office of Foreign Assets Control, the U.S. Customs Service, the Office of the Under Secretary for Enforcement, and the Office of the General Counsel) and the Department of State (particularly the Office of Southern African Affairs).

I will continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 19, 1996*.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2679. An act to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, to expand the Pettaquamscutt Cover National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3060. An act to implement the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty.

H.R. 3553. An act to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission.

H.R. 3816. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

S. 533. An act to clarify the rules governing removal of cases to Federal court, and for other purposes.

S. 677. An act to repeal a redundant venue provision, and for other purposes.

At 12:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3396. An act to define and protect the institution of marriage.

At 2:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2977) to reauthorize alternative means of dispute resolution in the Federal administrative process, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. HYDE, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. FLANAGAN, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. REED as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the senate:

H.R. 2594. An act to amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to reduce the waiting period for benefits payable under that act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2940. An act to amend the Deepwater Port Act of 1974.

H.R. 3348. An act to direct the president to establish standards and criteria for the provision of major disaster and emergency assistance in response to snow-related events.

H.R. 3923. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual air carriers to take actions to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents.

At 4:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House of Representatives having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 1833) to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated; that the said bill pass, two-thirds of House of Representatives agreeing to pass the same.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 61. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives for the concurrence of the senate, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3640. An act to provide for the settlement of issues and claims related to the trust lands of the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC–4109. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, a request relative to the Department of Transportation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC–4110. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding the H–1 Upgrades Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–4111. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report concernining U.S. military personnel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–4112. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule regarding limes and avocados grown in Florida (received on September 18, 1996); to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–4113. A communication from the Administrator of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled ''Title 7 Part 1789, Use of Consultants Funded by Borrowers,'' (RIN 0572–AB17), received on September 18, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–4114. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule (received on September 16, 1996); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4115. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules including one entitled ''Stability and Control of Medium and Heavy Vehicles'' (RIN 2127–AG06, 2127–AF90, 2115–AE47), received on September 16, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4116. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, twelve rules including one entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; American Champion Aircraft

Corporation Models'' (RIN 2120–AA64, 2120–AA66), received on September 16, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4117. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled ''Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 13'' (RIN 0648–AI71), received on September 16, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4118. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries of the National Marine Fisheries Service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law a rule regarding the end of the Pacific Whiting Regular season (received on September 16, 1996); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4119. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Regulatory Actions Affecting Tourist Railroads;'' to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4120. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule regarding fisheries of the Caribbean (RIN 0648–AG89), received on September 17, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4121. A communication from the Program Management Officer of the National Marine Fisheries Service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule regarding fisheries of the exclusive economic zone off Alaska (received on September 17, 1996); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4122. A communication from the Program Management Officer of the National Marine Fisheries Service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule regarding fisheries of the exclusive economic zone off Alaska (RIN 0648–AI57), received on September 17, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4123. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule regarding fisheries of the Caribbean (RIN 0648–AI20), received on September 17, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4124. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled ''Northern Anchovy Fishery; Quotas for the 1996–97 Fishing Year'' (received on September 17, 1996); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4125. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries of the National Marine Fisheries Service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law a rule regarding fisheries off West Coast states and in the Western Pacific (received on September 17, 1996); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4126. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries of the National Marine Fisheries Service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule regarding fisheries off West Coast states and in the Western Pacific (received on September 17, 1996); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4127. A communication from the Program Management Officer of the National Marine Fisheries Service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule regarding fisheries of the exclusive economic zone off Alaska (received on September 17, 1996); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4128. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding U.S. exports to Australia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–4129. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report with respect to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–4130. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled ''Government Securities Act Regulations: Large Position Rules'' (RIN 1505–AA53), received on September 13, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–4131. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division of the Administrator of National Banks, Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report with respect to a rule entitled ''Community Development Corporation and Project Investments and Other Public Welfare Investments'' (RIN 1557–AB46), received on September 18, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–4132. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the intention to make refunds of offshore lease revenues where a refund or recoupment is appropriate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–4133. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule regarding renewable resources (received on September 16, 1996); to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–4134. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to the Western Area Power Administration (received on September 16, 1996); to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–4135. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report with respect to Revenue Ruling 96-47 (received on September 16, 1996); to the Committee on Finance.

EC–4136. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report with respect to Revenue Ruling 96-48 (received on September 16, 1996); to the Committee on Finance.

EC–4137. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation regarding military beneficiaries medicare reimbursement; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–4138. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Presidential Determination relative to POW/MIA Military Drawdown for Cambodia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–4139. A communication from the Chief Judge of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals, transmitting, pursuant to law, the actuarial report for the year ending December 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–4140. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–4141. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule regarding prevailing rate systems (RIN 3206-AH59) received on September 17, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–4142. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding ammended routine use of Disaster Recovery Assistance Files; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–4143. A communication from the National President of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on financial statements for the year ended June 30, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–4144. A communication from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule regarding editorial amendments for classification and program review (RIN 1120-AA56) received on September 16, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–4145. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, transmitting, a proposal of draft legislation regarding capital offenses and Class A felonies involving murder; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–4146. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, transmitting, a proposal of draft legislation regarding capital offenses and Class A felonies involving murder; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–4147. A communication from the Executive Director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission, transmitting, the annual report for the calendar year 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–4148. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule regarding occupational exposure to asbestos (RIN 1218-AB25) received on September 18, 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC–4149. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) annual reports for fiscal years 1993 and 1994; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC–4150. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report with respect to a rule entitled ''Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines; Detectable Warnings,'' (RIN 3014-AA18) received on September 16, 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 389. A bill for the relief of Nguyen Quy An and his daughter, Nguyen Ngoc Kim Quy.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Alan H. Flanigan, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. KEMPTHORNE):

S. 2092. A bill to prohibit further extension or establishment of any national monument in Idaho without full public participation and an express Act of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH:

S. 2093. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to rescind approval of the District of Columbia's welfare reform waiver; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2094. A bill to inform and empower consumers in the United States through a voluntary labeling system for wearing apparel and sporting goods made without abusive and exploitative child labor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SIMON (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2095. A bill to promote the capacity and accountability of Government corporations and Government sponsored enterprises; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2096. A bill entitled the ''Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act of 1996''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. KEMPTHORNE):

S. 2092. A bill to prohibit further extension or establishment of any national monument in Idaho without full public participation and an express Act of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

IDAHO NATIONAL MONUMENT LEGISLATION

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, yesterday afternoon President Clinton stood on the edge of the Grand Canyon and proclaimed, by Executive order, through the National Antiquities Act, the designation of a national monument in southern Utah of 1.7 million acres.

Was his action illegal? No. It certainly was not, or it does not appear to be at this moment. What is frustrating to those of us in the West who have large expanses of public land is that the President sought no counsel, did not even consult with the Senators from Utah until the very last minute, did not talk to the Governor, to the State legislators or to the county commissioners in whose counties this large expanse of 1.7 million acres was involved. He simply stood on the banks or the edge of the Grand Canyon and proclaimed—yes, this is a device that was used by President Roosevelt who set aside the Grand Canyon years ago; it was a device that was oftentimes used prior to the enactment of the National Environmental Policy Act or the Federal Land Use Management Act, NEPA and FLMPA, because there was no certain public process to ensure the protection of valuable lands or, more importantly, to involve the public in them. The Congress simply had not moved in that direction at that time when the National Antiquities Act came about.

That is not the case today. In my opinion, the President yesterday standing on the edge of the Grand Canyon violated his public trust in failing to openly and publicly involve all of the necessary people in making this decision and making sure that private rights, property rights, water rights, grazing rights, mining rights, all of those kinds of things, were taken into consideration.

In fact, I stood at a press conference yesterday afternoon in which the Democrat Congressman from whose district this large expanse of land was proclaimed by the President yesterday, and he said that at 11 o'clock the night before he was on the phone with the President saying, ''But, Mr. President,'' and the President was saying, ''Oh, don't worry. We will take care of you here and we will take care of you there. We will protect hunting rights.''

Well, Mr. President, those kind of things do not exist in a national monument. You do not allow hunting. You do not allow grazing. You do not allow mining. Yet, this President, in the dark of night, in the wee hours before he was planning this great publicity event for his reelection, was telling the Democrat Congressman, ''I will take care of you,'' after the fact.

Now, the reason that was happening is because this President sought no public process. As certainly the Presiding Officer knows, over the last good number of years we have looked at a lot of public properties. We spent 10 years designating over 5 million acres of land in southern California as wilderness. I went to California three times in public hearings. It was thoroughly debated on the floor. All of the rights were taken care of.

Finally, this Congress acted and designated as wilderness a large chunk of the southern California desert. However, every issue was taken into consideration prior to that happening. That simply did not happen yesterday with this President. He was interested in the sound bite and the evening news and his politics and the campaign. He trampled all over the rights of citizens and all over the public process. I am saddened by that.

It is for that reason today I am introducing legislation that would deny him that right in the State of Idaho. I hope other Senators would join with me who have large expanses of public land that now might be at risk, because this President, for his environmental political gains, would select another piece of property. All I am saying is that the National Antiquities Act does not apply in Idaho unless there is a public process and unless the Congress agrees or consents or authorizes.

What is important here is that I am not denying what the President did. What I am denying is his right to do it in the back rooms in the dark of night, even with his own Secretary of Interior last Friday and through the weekend not being able to say that this, in fact, was going to happen.

It was the chief of staff of the White House, Leon Panetta, who finally called the Senators from Utah just before it happened and announced that it was going to happen. That should not happen. We want public process. This President has pounded us on public process. We will have public process in Idaho. I am not denying that some lands in Idaho might one day be selected as a national monument. But what I am saying is that the citizens of the State of Idaho, the Governor of the State of Idaho, the county commissioners, the congressional delegation, and this Congress, because it's public land, will participate in the process of making those decisions. We don't want this President, or any President, running roughshod over the State of Idaho, or any other State for that matter.

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH:

S. 2093. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to rescind approval of the District of Columbia's welfare reform waiver; to the Committee on Finance.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WELFARE LEGISLATION

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Madam President, I rise today to introduce legislation that would rescind the approval granted in August to the District of Columbia's welfare waiver.

I would first like to acknowledge and I want to recognize the leadership of my colleague from Oklahoma, Senator NICKLES, who recently introduced similar legislation which would require the enforcement of a 5-year time limit on welfare benefits in the district.

Senator NICKLES' approach requires that the District live by the 5-year requirement. My legislation simply repeals the entire waiver.

Madam President, today's Washington Post reports that the waiver was completed just 2 days before the welfare bill became law. In fact, on July 31 when the District was given notice that the President was going to sign the welfare bill, the District sent its waiver application in within one week. Now, this is the fastest anything has ever happened in the District of Columbia. This is the one efficient thing they have ever done, getting their waiver papers in. The waiver application was granted within 2 weeks. Now, have you ever heard of the bureaucrats at HHS doing anything in 2 weeks? But they got this out.

Madam President, the whole episode is a sham. The District of Columbia is a flat joke that is not funny and its government is a laughingstock. Its welfare system is worse.

Madam President, it is apparent that the Clinton administration is not serious about welfare reform. The President signed the bill with his fingers crossed behind his back. He signed it because, according to Time magazine, the man who had his ear, his political consultant guru and advisor, Dick Morris, told him to sign it and got him to sign it.

It is crystal clear that should the Democrats regain control of Congress—which is not going to happen, but if they should—the welfare bill would be repealed immediately, and they as much as said so at the Chicago convention.

Madam President, it has gotten so bad in the District of Columbia you will be able to collect welfare for 15 years—for 15 years, as long as you are making a good-faith effort to find work.

Let me give you just an example or two of what finding work in the District of Columbia involves: Getting your driver's license is finding work; attending self-esteem classes is work. Now, where else in this country could attending self-esteem classes be called work?

Madam President, only in the District of Columbia would such a laughingstock of a welfare system continue. And only with the Clinton administration in power could it continue. Sadly, the joke is on us. The joke is on the people of this Nation. The joke is on the people of Kansas and North Carolina. They are the ones that are subsidizing and paying for the District of Columbia's folly.

We just passed a bill giving the District of Columbia $660 million. We do so every year. Now, how is the money used? It is not used. It is misused and it is thrown away at a rate that the average American could not understand.

They cannot open the schools on time. Only 52 percent of high school students actually graduate despite the fact they spend more money per student than any city in the United States—52 percent graduate. The District has the same number of public employees as the City of Chicago—which is five times larger. And Chicago is 5 times larger. Can you imagine a city when 1 of every 8 citizens is a city employee? It's a disaster. It has more employees per resident than any city in the Nation. They don't pave their roads, and they don't fix their roads. In fact, they are required, by law, to have a local match for Federal road money. But we had to waive that, too. Why did we have to waive it? Because they have thrown away their money on welfare, graft, and giveaway programs, and they simply don't have the money to match it. They have thrown it away in every conceivable way, such as fake employees and employees that don't work. One out of every 8 citizens is employed. They paid Medicaid payments to 20,00 people who weren't eligible; 20,000 people who weren't eligible, they paid it to. The water is contaminated. You have to get up in the morning and boil your water before you can drink it.

The prison system is notorious for its numerous escapes. In fact, it is not a prison system, it is a sieve. Mr. President, our capital is a disaster.

Now comes the mother of all bad ideas for the capital, and that is to give the District a massive tax cut. The concept is that people will move to the district, revenue will increase, and all will be fine.

First, the tax break will give a cushy tax break to the wealthy people who seek a nice tax shelter by maintaining a phony residence in Washington and living in Palm Beach.

Second, it will give all the overpaid bureaucrats that live here a tax break. But most important, the tax cut ignores what happens to the revenue. Will it be somehow be better spent, or will it be wasted, stolen, abused, and thrown away, as it is now? Of course, it will because we have done nothing to get to the root of the problem, which is the District's government and the people running it.

Mr. President, it has gotten so bad that a Los Angeles Times article on conditions in Washington opened with a quote from an Egyptian diplomat. He said:

> Every day here in Washington reminds me more and more of Cairo.

Doesn't that say it all? There isn't any way the city could be run worse.

Mr. President, the Nation's capital is just that. It belongs to the Nation. It was set apart as the District of Columbia by the Founding Fathers so that it would not become involved in local politics, and it has become a mishmash of bad local politics.

We need a capital that the people of America can be proud of, a capital that visitors from my State and every State can come to and feel safe. That isn't the case today. Rather than a massive tax cut, we need to seriously consider another form of government for the District—not home rule, not congressional rule, but input from the 50 States who are paying for the operation of this Capital City. It should be one we can be proud of, and it's one that we have to make continuous apologies for.

It is time for the people of this country to take control of it, as was intended by our forefathers. I think the sooner we do it the better.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2094. A bill to inform and empower consumers in the United States through a voluntary labeling system for wearing apparel and sporting goods made without abusive and exploitative child labor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

THE CHILD LABOR FREE CONSUMER INFORMATION ACT OF 1996

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the Child Labor Free Consumer Information Act of 1996, legislation to establish a voluntary labeling system to help inform American consumers whether wearing apparel or sporting goods they see on the store shelves are made without the use of abusive and exploitative child labor.

Although it is late in the session, I believe we should begin a substantive dialog about ending child labor right now. That is why I am introducing this legislation today. And I intend on reintroducing this measure at the beginning of the next Congress.

A WORLDWIDE SCOURGE

When I speak about child labor, I am not talking about children helping out on the family farm or running errands after school. I am speaking about children who are forced to work in hazardous and dangerous conditions—children denied the classroom and driven into the workrooms.

Child labor is a scourge around the world. But we can't dismiss the problem simply because it may occur an ocean away. We cannot ease our conscience by declaring it a ''them'' problem, because it is not. It is an ''us'' problem. And all of us can do something to stop it.

Take a moment to look around. Maybe it's the shirt you have on right now. Or the silk tie or blouse. Or the soccer ball you kick around with the kids in the backyard. Or the tennis shoes you wear on weekends.

Chances are that you have purchased something—perhaps many things—made with abusive and exploitative child labor. And chances are you were completely unaware that was the case. That is hardly surprising. Because the tag we see for items in our stores tell us how much we have to pay to buy it. But it doesn't tell us how much someone else had to pay to make it.

For example, the price tag on a soccer ball doesn't tell us that a young child in South Asia—perhaps no older than 5 years of age—paid to make it by working in cramped conditions, stitching together balls for hours at a time and a dollar a day.

Last year, the United States imported almost 50 percent of the wearing

apparel sold in America and the garment industry netted $34 billion. According to the Department of Commerce, last year the United States imported 494.1 million pairs of athletic footwear and produced only 65.3 million here at home.

Americans may ask, ''What does this have to do with us?'' It is quite simple. By protecting the rights of workers everywhere, we will be protecting jobs and opportunities here at home. A U.S. worker cannot compete with a 12 year old working 12 hours a day for 12 cents an hour.

PUBLIC SUPPORT

As I have traveled around the country and spoken with people about the issue of abusive and exploitative child labor, I have found that consumers—ordinary Americans—want to get involved. They want information. They want to know if products on the shelves are made by children. And they do not want to buy it if it is.

Public opinion polls back that up. According to a survey sponsored by Marymount University last year, more than three out of four Americans said they would avoid shopping at stores if they were aware that the goods sold there were made by exploitative and abusive child labor. Consumers also said that they would be willing to pay an extra $1 on a $20 garment if it were guaranteed to be made under legitimate circumstances.

Mr. President, consumers have spoken. They do not want to reward companies with their hard earned dollars by buying products made with abusive and exploitative child labor.

This body has also spoken. On September 23, 1993, the Senate put itself on record in opposition to the abhorrent practice of exploiting children for commercial gain. This body passed a sense-of-the-Senate resolution that I introduced which asserted that it should be the policy of the United States to prohibit the importation of products made with the use of abusive and exploitative child labor. This was the first step to ending child labor. Now it's time for the next.

LET THE BUYER BE AWARE

The Child Labor Free Consumer Information Act of 1996 will inform and empower American consumers by establishing a voluntary labeling system for wearing apparel and sporting goods made without abusive and exploitative child labor.

In my view, a system of voluntary labeling holds the best promise of giving consumers the information they want—and giving the companies that manufacture these products the recognition they deserve.

The centerpiece of this legislation is the establishment of a working group of members from the wearing apparel and sporting goods industries; labor organizations; consumer advocacy and human rights groups; along with the Secretaries of Commerce, Treasury, and Labor. This Child Labor Free Commission would establish a labeling standard and develop a system to assure compliance that items were not made with abusive and exploitative child labor.

In my view, Congress cannot do it alone through legislation. The Department of Labor cannot do it alone through enforcement. It takes all of us—from the private sector to labor and human rights groups—to take responsibility and work together to end abusive and exploitative child labor.

VOLUNTARY APPROACH

Let me be clear, companies can choose whether to use the label. This bill is not about big government telling the private sector what to do. It is based on the commonsense approach that a fully informed American consumer will make the right and moral choice and vote against abusive and exploitative child labor with their pocketbook.

We have seen such an approach work effectively with the Rugmark label for hand-knotted oriental carpets. It is operating in some European countries. Consumers who want to buy child labor-free carpets can just look for the Rugmark label.

Over 150,000 carpets have received the Rugmark label and been shipped to Germany. Rugmark licenses already provide 30 percent of German carpet imports from India. And I am pleased to say that there are now two wholesalers in New York that offer carpets with the Rugmark label.

BUILDING ON PROGRESS

Mr. President, the progress that has been made on eradicating abusive and exploitative child labor is irreversible. We must continue working together to end child labor for all. And I believe my bill provides a road map to reaching that goal.

It allows the consumer to know more about the products they buy and it gives companies that use the label the recognition they deserve. I urge my colleagues to support my bill.

Our Nation began this century by working to end abusive and exploitative child labor in America, let us close this century by ending child labor around the world.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that additional material be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR ETHICAL CONCERNS

NEW GARMENT WORKERS STUDY FINDS AMERICANS INTOLERANT OF SWEATSHOPS IN GARMENT INDUSTRY

ARLINGTON, VA—Retailers selling clothing made in sweatshops operating in the United States could feel the ire of American consumers, suggests a new survey sponsored by Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia. The new study shows that consumers would avoid stores that sell goods made in sweatshops and be more inclined to shop at stores working actively to prevent garment worker abuses.

According to the survey, more than three-fourths of Americans would avoid shopping at stores if they were aware that the stores sold goods made in sweatshops. Consumers also are willing to pay a price for assurances that the goods they buy are not made in sweatshops. An overwhelming majority (84 percent) say they would be willing to pay up to an extra $1 on a $20 garment if were guaranteed to be made in a legitimate shop.

The study, sponsored by Marymount's Center for Ethical Concerns and the Department of Fashion Design and Merchandising, was prompted by the recent discovery of sweatshops operating in the United States in which illegal aliens smuggled into the country were forced to produce garments under almost slave labor conditions. In one factory, raided earlier this year by U.S. officials, workers had been confined in a barbed wire-enclosed compound and forced to work between 16 and 22 hours a day. Workers were paid less than $1 an hour and essentially held captive until they had repaid the cost of their passage to the United States, a process that took years in some cases.

Since these revelations, the U.S. Department of Labor has been working with retailers to encourage greater diligence in policing the industry voluntarily and plans in the near future to release a list of companies that have agreed to cooperate in these efforts. The new study shows that a substantial majority of Americans (66 percent) would be more likely to patronize stores that they know are cooperating with law enforcement officials to prevent sweatshops. If such a list were published, more than two-thirds (69 percent) of consumers say they would take this information into account when deciding where to do their shopping this holiday season.

''It is gratifying to know that Americans condemn these sweatshop conditions and are willing to demonstrate that commitment when they shop, even if it costs them a few pennies. The industry, including retailers, has a responsibility to make sure it is not selling garments made in sweatshops, and the public is willing to hold them accountable,'' said Sr. Eymard Gallagher, RSHM, president of Marymount University. ''Despite the competitiveness in the industry, we can't close our eyes to these kinds of conditions that we thought had disappeared years ago,'' she said.

The telephone survey of 1,008 randomly selected adults, was conducted by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, PA, at the request of Marymount. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Marymount University's fashion design and fashion merchandising programs are among the leaders in this field in the United States. Marymount is an independent, Catholic university, emphasizing excellence in teaching, attention to the individual, and values and ethics across the curriculum. Located in Arlington, Virginia, Marymount enrolls 4,200 men and women in its 34 undergraduate and 24 master's degree programs.

STUDY BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

United States officials recently discovered that workers who had been smuggled into this country were making garments in sweatshops where they were forced to work long hours under extremely poor working conditions for less than the minimum wage. As a result, this research was conducted to determine:

Whether respondents would avoid shopping at retailers if aware they sold garments made in sweatshops;

Whether respondents would be more inclined to shop in retail stores cooperating with law enforcement officials to prevent sweatshops;

Whether respondents would be willing to pay $1 more for a $20 garment if it were guaranteed to be made in a legitimate shop;

Whether respondents would be more likely this holiday season to shop in retail stores on a forthcoming list of retailers assisting authorities in their effort to end abuse of United States garment workers; and

Whether the manufacturers or the retailers should have the responsibility of preventing sweatshops.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research entailed a telephone interview insert in ICR Survey Research Group's EXCEL Omnibus. Each EXCEL includes a national random sample of approximately 1,000 adults (18+), half male and half female. Interviewing was conducted from Friday, October 27 through Tuesday, October 31. A total of 1008 interviews were completed. Data has been weighted to reflect the U.S. population 18 years of age and older (188,700,000).

IN A NUTSHELL . . . HERE ARE THE FINDINGS; RETAILERS—BEWARE OF SWEATSHOP GARMENTS

Americans overwhelmingly support the idea of officials publishing a list of retailers who assist law enforcement agencies in their effort to end abuse of United States garment workers. Seven-in-ten respondents indicate they would be more likely to shop at the stores this holiday season that cooperate to end garment worker abuse. Consumers are willing to pay a price for assurances that goods they buy are not made in sweathshops. 84% of consumers would pay an additional $1 on a $20 item if they knew the garment was guaranteed to be made in a legitimate shop.

Most Americans (76%) blame the existence of sweatshops on the manufacturers who employ the contractors or workers. However, if consumers knew a retailer sold garments that were made in sweatshops, nearly eight-in-ten would avoid shopping there. As the holiday season starts to kick-off, retailers would be wise to ensure their garments were in fact made in legitimate shops. Given the potential for enticing customers with legitimately made garments, and the potential for losing customers if caught selling sweatshop-made garments, promoting legitimately made garments provides a strategic business opportunity for retailers.

By Mr. SIMON (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2095. A bill to promote the capacity and accountability of Government corporations and Government sponsored enterprises; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATION AND GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ENTERPRISE STANDARDS ACT

● Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, my involvement in the issue of student aid over the past few years has given me a greater understanding of so-called government-sponsored enterprises. I have been critical of Sallie Mae, the Student Loan Marketing Association, for its lobbying activities and its high salaries. Five years ago I began calling for the elimination of Sallie Mae's ties to the Government.

But I would like to go further in addressing this question of corporations that are connected in some way with the Federal government. How do they know when their purpose has been achieved, and their ties to the government should be cut? How do we make sure that they do not become so strong politically that the ties can never be cut? Should they be exempt from federal, state, and local taxes? Should the securities laws apply them?

Today, along with my colleague, Senator PRYOR, I am introducing a bill that would address these and other questions. The bill would establish standards for the creation of new Government-sponsored enterprises, those corporations that are created by Congress but are owned by private investors. The bill also would set guidelines for a very different type of corporation: those that are actually owned by taxpayers as a part of the Federal Government structure.

This legislation is the result of concerns raised by the National Academy of Public Administration. Harold Seidman, in House testimony on behalf of the Academy last year, pointed out that the Congress has not used any consistent criteria for determining when a government corporation is appropriate and when it is not. He also raised questions about some of the privileges that have been granted to Government-sponsored enterprises.

The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that, as Congress considers the creation of new government corporations and government-sponsored enterprises, it does so with its eyes wide open. It would also require some of these entities to plan for eventual privatization, and would force Congress to review their status on a regular basis.

I know that it is not possible for Congress to act on this legislation in these final weeks. But I hope some of my colleagues will take up where I have left off, and work to establish much-needed standards where Government intersects with business.●

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2096. A bill entitled the ''Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act of 1996''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES AND ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1996

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, today I am joined by Senator KERRY in introducing legislation, the Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act of 1996, to increase penalties and strengthen enforcement for environmental crimes.

Mr. President, most Americans consider themselves environmentalists. Millions of Americans participate in voluntary recycling and do what they can to save the environment. Similarly, many companies spend substantial amounts to comply with environmental laws, and many do much more than required.

Mr. President, expenditures for environmental controls are a cost of business that, in the short run, can adversely affect a company's bottom line. But these controls benefit all Americans. They lead to cleaner water, cleaner air, safer employees and healthier children.

Mr. President, when a business invests in environmental protection to comply with our laws, it should not be placed at a competitive disadvantage as a result. That is, it shouldn't have to compete against other firms that save costs by disregarding their environmental responsibilities. But to protect against that kind of unfairness, Mr. President, Government must strongly enforce environmental laws. And that is what this bill will help ensure.

Mr. President, this bill was developed by the Department of Justice after consultation with State, local and Federal prosecutors from around the country. It is aimed at bad actors who violate our environmental laws purposely, intentionally, or with knowing disregard for the impact of their actions. These are not people who accidently miss a deadline or even negligently forget to file for a needed permit.

They are criminals who know what they're doing, and who generally are flouting our laws simply to make a buck.

Mr. President, we need to get tough with those who intentionally violate environmental laws. This bill would help in several ways.

The bill would make it a federal crime to attempt to violate our environmental laws. This would make it much easier to enforce these laws, and to prevent environmental degradation before it happens. Most federal laws, other than criminal environmental laws now include provisions for attempted criminality.

The legislation also would give federal prosecutors tools to work more effectively with their state counterparts. It would improve training of law enforcement personnel in the investigation of environmental crimes. It also would facilitate prosecution by extending the statute of limitations when a violator has tried to conceal environmental crimes.

Another provision in the legislation would allow judges to force environmental criminals to pay to clean up the mess they made. That, Mr. President, is only fair. If a child has to clean up his own room, surely a corporation should have to clean up their own mess when they intentionally dump toxic chemicals.

Finally, Mr. President, this legislation would give judges the authority to increase penalties when an environmental crime leads to serious injury or death. This should help deter the most serious abuses of our laws.

Mr. President, none of these proposals, by itself, will solve the problem of environmental crime. But, together, they would make a real difference. They would help improve the quality of our environment. And they would help protect the majority of law-abiding businesses that invest in environmental protection, and that abide by our laws in good faith.

Mr. President, over the past 20 years, our economy has grown considerably, but pollution has been reduced. This has occurred not only because Congress passed environmental legislation.

It has also occurred because of the creativity of our scientists and the commitment of American businesses. These law-abiding businesses, as I have said, deserve to be treated fairly. They should be rewarded for their diligence, not placed at an unfair competitive disadvantage.

Mr. President, I recognize, given the limited time remaining in the 104th Congress, that this legislation will not become law this year. However, I intend to work in the next Congress to have hearings on this bill, and I would welcome input from any interested parties.

Next year, I am hopeful that we can move in a bipartisan manner to make any needed improvements, and to enact this legislation into law as soon as possible.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a copy of the bill, S. 2096, and a section-by-section analysis be included in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2096

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act of 1996''.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) Federal investigation and prosecution of environmental crimes play a critical role in the protection of human health, public safety, and the environment;

(2) the effectiveness of environmental criminal enforcement efforts is greatly strengthened by close cooperation and coordination among Federal, State, local, and tribal authorities; and

(3) legislation is needed to facilitate Federal investigation and prosecution of environmental crimes and to increase the effectiveness of joint Federal, State, local, and tribal criminal enforcement efforts.

SEC. 3. JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT.

(a) Chapter 232 of title 18 is amended by adding after section 3673 the following new section 3674—

''§ 3674. Reimbursement of State, local, or tribal government costs for assistance in Federal investigation and prosecution of environmental crimes.

''(a) Upon the motion of the United States, any person who is found guilty of a criminal violation of the Federal environmental laws set forth in subsection (b) below, or conspiracy to violate such laws, may be ordered to pay the costs incurred by a State, local, or tribal government or an agency thereof for assistance to the Federal government's investigation and criminal prosecution of the case. Such monies shall be paid to the State, local, or tribal government or agency thereof and be used solely for the purpose of environmental law enforcement.

''(b) This subsection applies to a violation of any of the following statues, or conspiracy to violate any of the following statutes—

''(1) Section 14(b) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. §136*l*(b));

''(2) Section 16(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. §2615(b));

''(3) Sections 10, 12, 13, and 16 of the Rivers and Harbors Appropriations Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. §§403, 406, 407, 411);

''(4) Sections 309(c) and 311(b)(5) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §§1319(c), 1321(b)(5));

''(5) Section 105(b) of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. §1415(b));

''(6) Section 9(a) of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (33 U.S.C. §1908(a));

''(7) Section 4109(c) of the Shore Protection Act of 1988 (33 U.S.C. §2609(c));

''(8) Sections 1423 and 1432 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. §§300h–2, 300i–1);

''(9) Sections 3008(d), 3008(e) and 3008(i) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. §§6928(d), 6928(e), 6928(i));

''(10) Section 113(c) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7413(c));

''(11) Sections 103(b) and 103(d) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. §§9603(b), 9603(d));

''(12) Section 325(b)(4) of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. §11045(b)(4));

''(13) Section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. §1733(a)); or

''(14) Sections 5124, 60123(a), and 60123(b) of title 49, United States Code.''.

(b) The table of sections of chapter 232 of title 18, United States Code is amended by adding the following after the item relating to section 3673;

''3674. Reimbursement of State, local, or tribal government costs for assistance in Federal investigation and prosecution of environmental crimes.''.

SEC. 4. PROTECTION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC.

(a) Chapter 39 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding the following new section:

''§ 838. Protection of government employees and the public from environmental crimes.

''(a) Any person who commits a criminal violation of a Federal environmental law identified in this subsection that is the direct or proximate cause of serious bodily injury to or death of any other person, including a Federal, State, local or tribal government employee performing official duties as a result of the violation, shall be subject to a maximum term of imprisonment of twenty years, a fine of not more than $500,000, or both, and, if the defendant is an organization, to a fine of not more than $2,000,000. The laws to which this subsection applies are—

''(1) Section 309(c)(2), 309(c)(4), or 311(b)(5) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §§1319(c)(2), 1319(c)(4), 1321(b)(5));

''(2) Section 105(b) of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. §1415(b));

''(3) Section 1423 or 1432 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. §§300h–2, 300i–1);

''(4) Section 3008(d) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. §6928(d));

''(5) Section 113(c)(1) or 113(c)(2) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§7413(c)(1), 7413(c)(2));

''(6) Section 103(b) or 103(d) of the Comprehensive Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. §§9603(b), 9603(d));

''(7) Section 325(b)(4) of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. §11045(b)(4)); or

''(8) Section 5124, 60123(a), or 60123(b) of title 49, United States Code.

''(b) Any person who commits a criminal violation of Federal environmental law identified in this subsection that is the direct or proximate cause of serious bodily injury to or death of any other person, including a Federal, State, local or tribal government employee performing official duties as a result of the violation, shall be subject to a maximum term of imprisonment of five years, a fine of not more than $250,000, or both, and, if a defendant is an organization, to a fine of not more than $1,000,000. The laws to which this subsection applies are—

''(1) Section 14(b) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. §136*l*(b)); or

''(2) Section 16(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. §2615(b)).

''(c) For purposes of this section, the term ''serious bodily injury'' means bodily injury which involves—

''(1) unconsciousness;

''(2) extreme physical pain;

''(3) protracted and obvious disfigurement; or

''(4) protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty.

''(d) For purposes of this section, the term ''organization'' means a legal entity, other than a government, established or organized for any purpose, and such term includes a corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, joint stock company, foundation, institution, trust, society, union, or any other association of persons.''

(b) The table of sections of chapter 39 of title 18, United States Code is amended by adding the following after the item relating to section 837:

''§ 838. Protection of government employees and the public from environmental crimes.''.

SEC. 5. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES TRAINING FOR STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

(a) This section may be cited as the ''Environmental Crimes Training Act of 1996''.

(b) The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, as soon as practicable, within the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, shall establish the State, Local, and Tribal Environmental Enforcement Training Program to be administered by the National Enforcement Training Institute within the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training. This Program shall be dedicated to training State, local, and tribal law enforcement personnel in the investigation of environmental crimes at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynn County, Georgia at the EPA-FLETC training center or other training sites which are accessible to State, local, and tribal law enforcement. State, local, and tribal law enforcement personnel shall include, among others, the following: inspectors, civil and criminal investigators, technical experts, regulators, government lawyers, and police.

SEC. 6. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.

(a) Chapter 213 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding after section 3294 the following new section—

''§ 3295. Felony environmental crimes.

''(a) No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for a violation of, or a conspiracy to violate, any of the offenses listed in subsection (b) unless the indictment is returned or the information is filed within five years after the offense is committed; however, when a person commits an affirmative act that conceals the offense from any Federal, State, local, or tribal government agency, that person shall not be prosecuted, tried, or punished for a violation of, or a conspiracy to violate, any of the offenses listed below in subsection (b) unless the indictment is returned or the information is filed within five years after the offense is committed, or within three years after the offense is discovered by a government agency, whichever is

later but in no event later than eight years after the offense is committed.

''(b) This section applies to a violation of—

''(1) Section 309(c)(2), 309(c)(3), 309(c)(4), or 311(b)(5) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §§1319(c)(2), 1319(c)(3), 1319(c)(4), 1321(b)(5));

''(2) Section 105(b) of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. §1415(b));

''(3) Section 9(a) of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (33 U.S.C. §1908(a));

''(4) Section 4109(c) of the Shore Protection Act of 1988 (33 U.S.C. §2609(c));

''(5) Section 1423 or 1432 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. §§300h–2, 300i–1);

''(6) Section 3008(d) or 3008(e) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. §§6928(d), 6928(e));

''(7) Section 113(c)(1), 113(c)(2), 113(c)(3), or 113(c)(5) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§7413(c)(1), 7413(c)(2), 7413(c)(3), 7413(c)(5));

''(8) Section 103(b) or 103(d) of the Comprehensive Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. §§9603(b), 9603(d));

''(9) Section 325(b)(4) of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. §11045(b)(4)); or

''(10) Section 5124, 60123(a), or 60123(b) of title 49, United States Code.''.

(b) The table of sections of chapter 213 of title 18, United States Code is amended by adding after the item referring to section 3294 the following new item—

''§3295. Felony environmental crimes.''.

SEC. 7. ATTEMPTS.

(a) Section 14(b) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. §1361(b)) is amended by adding a new paragraph 14(b)(5)—

''(5) ATTEMPTS.—Any person who attempts to commit the conduct that constitutes an offense under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to the same penalties as those prescribed for such an offense.''.

(b) Section 16(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. §2615(b)), is amended by inserting ''(1)'' before ''Any'' and by adding the following new paragraph—

''(2) Any person who attempts to commit the conduct that constitutes any offense under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to the same penalties as those prescribed for such offense.''.

(c) Section 309(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §1319(c)), is amended by adding after paragraph (7) the following new paragraph 309(c)(8)—

''(8) Any person who attempts to commit the conduct that constitutes any offense under paragraphs (2), (3) or (4) of this subsection shall be subject to the same penalties as those prescribed for such offense.''.

(d) Section 105(b) of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. §1415(b)), is amended by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (1), striking the period at the end of (2)(B), and inserting ''; and'', and adding after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph—

''(3) Any person who attempts to commit the conduct that constitutes any offense under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to the same penalties as those prescribed for such offense.''.

(e) Section 9(a) of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (33 U.S.C. §1908(a)), is amended by inserting ''(1)'' before ''(A)'' and by adding the following new paragraph—

''(2) Any person who attempts to commit the conduct that constitutes any offense under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to the same penalties as those prescribed for such offense.''.

(f) Section 3008 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. §6928), is amended by adding after subsection 3008(h) the following new subsection—

''(i) Any person who attempts to commit the conduct that constitutes any offense under subsections (d) or (e) of this section shall be subject to the same penalties as those prescribed for such offense.''.

(g) Section 113(c) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7413(c)), is amended by adding after paragraph 6 the following new paragraph—

''(7) Any person who attempts to commit the conduct that constitutes any offense under subsections (1), (2), or (3) of this section shall be subject to the same penalties as those prescribed for such offense.''.

SEC. 8. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES RESTITUTION.

(a) Section 3663(a)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking ''or'' before ''section 46312'' and inserting ''or an environmental crime listed in section 3674 of this title,'' after ''section 3663A(c),''

(b) Subsection 3663(b) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (4), striking the period at the end of paragraph (5) and inserting ''; and'', and adding after paragraph (5) the following new paragraph—

''(6) in the case of an offense resulting in pollution of or damage to the environment, pay for removal and remediation of the environmental pollution or damage and restoration of the environment, to the extent of the pollution or damage resulting from the offense; in such a case, the term 'victim' in section 3663(a)(2) includes a community or communities, whether or not the members are individually identified.''.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES AND ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1996

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1

Section 1 sets out the short title of this bill, the ''Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act of 1996.''

Section 2

Section 2 states the Congressional findings upon which the Act is based. Specifically, the findings are that environmental criminal enforcement plays a critical role in the protection of human health, public safety, and the environment, and that these efforts are greatly enhanced by close cooperation and coordination among Federal, State, local, and tribal authorities. The purpose of the legislation is to increase protection of the environment by strengthening Federal law enforcement and by increasing the effectiveness of joint Federal, State, local, and tribal criminal environmental enforcement efforts.

Section 3

Section 3 authorizes Federal district courts to order convicted criminals to reimburse States, localities, and tribes for costs they incur during Federal environmental prosecutions. Moneys paid to State, local, and tribal governments under this provision may be used solely for environmental law enforcement. This reimbursement provision applies to prosecutions under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); the Rivers and Harbors Appropriations Act of 1899; the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act; the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships; the Shore Protection Act; the Safe Drinking Water Act; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; the Clean Air Act; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act; the Federal Land Policy and Management Act; and 49 U.S.C. §5124, relating to transportation of hazardous materials.

This provision will strengthen criminal environmental enforcement by fostering cooperative efforts among Federal, State, local, and tribal officials. State and local inspectors, and investigators often initiate what become Federal enforcement actions, and they continue to work with Federal officials through the trial stage. For example, State laboratories provide analytical support. Many State and local prosecutors participate in joint task forces and they sometimes are cross-designated as special assistant U.S. attorneys. Although certain State courts may award costs to State and local governments in State criminal proceedings, Federal courts are not now expressly authorized to order such reimbursement. Providing for reimbursement will greatly increase the ability of State, local, and tribal officials to cooperate in Federal criminal proceedings to address violations of environmental law. Joint enforcement efforts also make the Federal program more responsive to local communities.

Because the court may order reimbursement only upon motion of the United States, the discretion of both the Federal prosecutor and the court will serve as a check against unwarranted cost awards. Allowable costs are limited to those incurred by a State, local, or tribal government or agency for assistance to the Federal Government's investigation and prosecution of a case. Costs imposed on a defendant are payable directly to the State or local government in a manner analogous to the payment of restitution directly to the victims of a crime, thus obviating the need for a separate Federal fund or Federal administrator to collect and transfer the moneys.

Section 4

Section 4 provides for enhanced punishment where a criminal violation of specified environmental laws directly or proximately causes serious bodily injury or death to any person, including any Federal, State, local, or tribal government official.

Police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and other public safety and public health personnel often are the first on the scene of an environmental crime. In their efforts to protect others from harm, they themselves may suffer serious injury or death resulting from other people's criminal mishandling of dangerous materials or failure to comply with their legal duty to notify the government of releases of dangerous substances. Members of the public can also be injured or killed as a result of environmental crimes.

Section 4 will ensure that the criminals who cause this suffering will face an appropriately severe, enhanced punishment upon conviction. It does not establish a new or different crime, but instead provides for enhanced terms of imprisonment and enhanced fines for persons convicted of felony violations under specified Federal environmental laws where death or serious injury results. The laws covered by this provision are: the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; the Clean Air Act; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act; and 49 U.S.C. §5124. The section also provides for enhanced penalties for environmental misdemeanors under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act and the Toxic Substances Control Act where death or serious injury results, thereby transforming those violations into felonies.

For enhanced punishment to be imposed, section 4 requires that the defendant commit the underlying environmental crime and that the crime be the direct or proximate

cause of serious bodily injury or death. The requirement of ''direct or proximate'' causation is in line with language used in other criminal provisions, see, e.g., 18 U.S.C. §844 (personal injury resulting from arson), and limits the sentence enhancement to appropriate cases. Those who commit environmental crimes, for example, by illegally storing hazardous waste, are on notice that their actions may cause serious injury or death to other persons. Unlike existing endangerment provisions in certain environmental statutes that apply to threatened injuries, Section 4 requires actual injury or death, but does not require that the defendant intend or know of the injury or death that the defendant's crime causes.

For the most part, the definition of ''serious bodily injury'' in Section 4 follows similar definitions in 18 U.S.C. §113 (assaults within maritime and territorial jurisdiction) and 18 U.S.C. §1365(g)(3) (tampering with consumer products). The definition in Section 4, however, does not include ''substantial risk of death.'' In other words, actual serious bodily injury or death (not just the risk of injury or death) must occur for enhanced punishment to be imposed under Section 4. Section 4 also includes ''unconsciousness'' within the definition of ''serious bodily injury,'' thereby conforming to the definition of that term in the Federal hazardous waste laws at 42 U.S.C. §6928(f)(6).

Section 4 specifically lists certain government employees whose death or injury could trigger enhanced punishment. This listing is not intended to exclude other persons, including other government employees, from the provision's coverage, but rather to emphasize that the specified government employees are exposed to special risks and are thus especially likely to benefit from the added deterrence and protection engendered by this provision.

Section 5

Section 5 responds to the urgent need expressed by State, local, and tribal officials for additional Federal training on environmental criminal enforcement. It establishes within the Environmental Protection Agency a separate program dedicated to the training of State, local, and tribal law enforcement personnel in the investigation of environmental crimes.

States and local governments are undertaking an expanded role in environmental enforcement, not only of their own laws but also of Federal statutes pursuant to delegated authority. The Pollution Prosecution Act of 1990 mandated that EPA deploy 200 criminal investigators across the country and establish the National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI) to train State, local, and tribal law enforcement in safe and effective investigation of environmental crimes. Section 5 will increase training for State, local, and tribal law enforcement officials and strengthen cooperative enforcement of the Nation's environmental laws. Under the mandate of the Pollution Prosecution Act of 1990, the Environmental Protection Agency has regularly trained State, local, and tribal investigators and regulatory personnel in courses conducted at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, GA. The need and demand for such training, however, has been greatly increasing.

Section 6

Section 6 provides for an extension of the statute of limitations where a violator has engaged in affirmative acts of concealment of specified environmental crimes.

As is the case for most Federal crimes, Federal environmental crimes are currently subject to a five-year statute of limitations, which runs from the time the offense is committed. 18 U.S.C. §3282. Some environmental crimes, including some of the most egregious ones, involve affirmative acts of concealment by the wrongdoers. Criminals who are the most deceptive, and thus able to hide their wrongdoing the longest, are most likely to escape the legal consequences of their acts through expiration of the statute of limitations.

Section 6 addresses this problem for a specified list of felony violations of environmental statutes by extending the limitations period for up to three years beyond the traditional 5-year period when the defendant commits an affirmative act of concealment. In these circumstances, the limitation period extends to three years after discovery of the crime by the government. In no event does the limitations period extend beyond eight years after the offense was committed. This extended limitations period covers violations of various provisions under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act; the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships; the Shore Protection Act; the Safe Drinking Water Act; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; the Clean Air Act; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act; and 49 U.S.C. §5124.

For example, if a violator committed an affirmative act of concealment and the environmental crime were not discovered until three, four, or five years after it was committed, Section 6 would extend the statute of limitations to 6, 7, or 8 years after the crime was committed, respectively—that is, up to three years after the time of discovery with an eight year cap. If a violator committed an affirmative act of concealment, but the crime were nevertheless discovered by any Federal, State, local, or tribal government agency immediately after it was committed, there would be no extension under Section 6, and the limitations period would be the 5-year period running from the time the crime was committed. Similarly, where there was no affirmative act of concealment, the five-year period would apply and would run from commission of the crime.

The burden rests on the government to prove an affirmative act of concealment under Section 6.

Section 7

Section 7 amends specified environmental statutes to add attempt provisions. Under these new provisions, any person who attempts to commit an offense shall be subject to the same penalties as those prescribed for the offense itself.

The rationale for these new attempt provisions is similar to that for comparable provisions in other Federal criminal statutes. Under these existing attempt laws, when law enforcement authorities uncover planned criminal activity and a substantial step is taken towards the commission of the crime, the crime can be stopped before it is completed and the perpetrator may still be prosecuted. For example, Federal law makes attempted bank robbery a crime, punishable the same as bank robbery. 18 U.S.C. §2113(a). Similar attempt provisions exist for numerous other crimes, such as uttering a Treasury check with forged endorsement (18 U.S.C. §510); bank fraud (18 U.S.C. §1344); damage to government property (18 U.S.C. §1361); obstruction of court orders (18 U.S.C. §1509); and obtaining mail by fraud or deception (18 U.S.C. §1708).

There has been only one attempt provision in Federal environmental criminal enforcement statutes. As a result, Federal agents can be placed in the untenable situation of choosing between obtaining evidence necessary for a criminal prosecution and preventing pollution from occurring. For example, without an attempt statute, if agents stop a would-be environmental criminal from dumping hazardous waste, the perpetrator cannot be prosecuted for illegal dumping because no environmental crime has occurred. Only if the agents allow the dumping to occur, with the possibility of damage to the environment and risk to the public health, could the perpetrator be prosecuted for illegal dumping. These attempt provisions allow law enforcement personnel to stop environmental crimes before they are completed and still bring the wrongdoer to justice.

Attempt statutes serve another very important purpose in law enforcement, related to undercover investigations. Attempt statutes allow prosecution where a defendant purposely engages in conduct that would constitute the crime if the circumstances were as the defendant believes them to be. Undercover operations are widely recognized as a valuable tool to ferret out serious crimes, and attempt provisions will make undercover environmental investigations safer to the public by allowing the government to substitute benign substances for the dangerous substances that make the conduct illegal, but still prosecute for attempt the person who believes he is engaging in the illegal conduct.

The new language added by Section 7 is analogous to the attempt provision contained in the Federal drug laws. 21 U.S.C. §846. An attempt to commit the conduct constituting one of specified environmental criminal offenses is punished in the same manner as the offense itself.

Section 8

Section 8 amends the Federal restitution statutes to clarify the authority of the courts to provide for restitution to victims in environmental crimes cases.

Existing restitution statutes provide for restitution for bodily injury and property loss. Those categories of restitution address the harm suffered by victims of violent and economic crimes and are intended to make them whole for their physical injuries and pecuniary damages. The victims of environmental crimes also may suffer physical injuries and pecuniary losses. Indeed, environmental crimes often are economic crimes. At the same time, however, an environmental crime also may cause more widespread and longstanding damage, with the harm inflicted on all members of a community or communities affected by the environmental pollution or damage.

Section 8 clarifies the existing authority of the courts by including environmental offenses among the crimes explicitly enumerated in the restitution statutes. It makes plain that the costs of removal and remediation of environmental pollution or damage, and required restoration of the environment, are included within the coverage of that statute, to the extent of the pollution or damage resulting from the offense. This section recognizes that environmental crimes can harm entire communities and clarifies that the definition of ''victim'' in the restitution statutes may include all members of a community or communities, whether or not they are individually identified.

Section 9

Section 9 authorizes the government, after notice to the defendant, to seek an order from the court to prevent a defendant charged with an environmental crime from dealing with its assets in a manner that would impair its ability to pay for the harm caused by its environmental violations. The government bears the burden of establishing the costs involved, and the defendant may

avert such an order by showing that it retains sufficient assets to cover those costs or that it already has paid such costs. The Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure govern any proceedings under this section for an order to prevent the disposal or alienation of assets. Such an order expires at the point of sentencing, or of dismissal or acquittal of the prosecution.

This section expressly codifies the authority already available to a court under the All Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. §1651. It will prevent a defendant, during the pendency of criminal environmental charges, from concealing, disposing of, or otherwise dealing with its assets in such a manner that, if it is convicted and is ordered to pay the costs of the harm caused by its actions, sufficient assets no longer will be available for that purpose. If such authority were not available, defendants could easily thwart the purposes of the restitution provisions of this act and those found elsewhere in the law. Similar authority, to prevent the disposal of assets to pay for violations of law, can be found at 18 U.S.C. §1345 (Injunctions against Fraud). At the same time, the section allows a defendant that can show that defendant's other assets will be sufficient to pay for such harm, or that such costs already have been paid, to avoid being burdened by such an order.

SEC. 9. PREVENTION OF ALIENATION OR DISPOSAL OF ASSETS NEEDED TO REMEDY ENVIRONMENTAL HARMS CAUSED BY ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES.

(a) Chapter 39 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding after section 838 the following new section—

"§ 839. Prejudgment orders to secure payment for environmental damage

''(a) At the time of filing of an indictment or information for the violation of any of the statutory provisions set forth in section 838(a) of this chapter, or at any time thereafter, if, after notice to the defendant, the United States shows probable cause to believe that—

(1) the defendant will conceal, alienate or dispose of property, or place property outside the jurisdiction of the Federal district courts; and,

(2) the defendant will thereby reduce or impair the defendant's ability to pay restitution, in whole or in part, including removal and remediation of environmental pollution or damage and restoration of the environment resulting from the statutory violation, the district court may order the defendant not to alienate or dispose of any such property, or place such property outside the jurisdiction of the Federal district courts, without leave of the court. The United States shall bear the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, the projected cost for the removal and remediation of the environmental pollution or damage and restoration of the environment.

''(b) Defenses—

The defendant may establish the following affirmative defenses to a motion by the government under this section—

(1) that the defendant possesses other assets sufficient to pay restitution, including the costs of removal and remediation of the environmental pollution or damage and restoration of the environment resulting from the statutory violation, provided that the defendant places those other assets under the control of the court, or

(2) that the defendant has made full restitution, including the removal and remediation of the environmental pollution or damage and restoration of the environment.

''(c) Procedures—

Any proceeding under this section is governed by the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

''(d) Property Defined—

For the purposes of this section, ''property'' shall include—

(1) Real property, including things growing on, affixed to, and found in land; and,

(2) Tangible and intangible personal property, including money, rights, privileges, interests, claims, and securities.

''(e) Expiration of Order—

The court may amend an Order issued pursuant to this section at any time. In no event, however, shall the Order extend beyond sentencing, in the case of a conviction, or a dismissal or acquittal of the prosecution.

''(f) All Writs Act—

Nothing in this section diminishes the powers of the court otherwise available under section 1651 of title 28 United States Code, the All Writs Act.''.

(b) The table of sections of chapter 39 of Title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding after section 838, the following new section—

''§839. Prejudgment orders to secure payment for environmental damage.''.●

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I am proud to introduce today with my good friend Senator LAUTENBERG the Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act of 1996. The American people have every right to expect their Government to protect their health and safety, and take swift action against those who choose to do harm. Our bill would strengthen efforts to ensure a safer, cleaner environment for the future and would enhance the Federal-State-local government partnership in fighting environmental crimes.

This administration has the strongest record in taking action against intransigent polluters, and it has collected among the biggest fines levied on those polluters in American history. However, for too long, many industrial polluters have gone largely unchecked and have consistently evaded responsibility for the severe damage they have done to our environment.

I would like to review quickly some of the more important provisions contained in our legislation.

One of the ground-breaking measures contained in this legislation is the provision amending existing environmental statutes to define the attempt to commit an offense as a crime, subject to the penalties of the offense itself. This makes environmental law consistent with other Federal criminal statutes. With only one exception, attempting to commit an environmental crime is itself not a Federal crime. It is this area of law enforcement that would greatly benefit from such provisions, which would in turn have the effect of better protecting the public's health and safety and our environment. Furthermore, this provision closes the gap between prosecution and environmental protection. In the past, law enforcement officials could not prosecute violators of environmental law until the crime was committed, causing damage to the environment and jeopardizing public health and safety. Now, would-be wrong-doers can be stopped and prosecuted before they do harm.

Let me provide you with a good example of how this would work, using a hypothetical case of hazardous waste dumping. While haulers are required by law to dispose of toxic materials in a permitted hazardous waste disposal facility, often renegade transporters dump in vacant lots, remote areas, and other unauthorized locales. Once they have received information that illegal dumping is occurring, Federal agents conduct surveillance of hazardous waste transporters. But, because there is no attempt provision in statutes defining environmental crimes, if agents prevent a transporter from dumping hazardous waste, the perpetrator cannot be prosecuted for illegal dumping because no environmental crime has occurred. Under current law, only by damaging the environment by allowing the hazardous waste dumping to occur, can the Government build a case to prosecute a person for illegal dumping. This does not make sense and we must change these laws.

This provision adds a new dimension to the protection of the environment: the capability of officials to engage in undercover operations. These investigations will allow Federal officials to conduct ''sting'' operations by substituting benign substances for the actual pollutants, and prosecute, to the fullest extent of the law, those violators who engaged in behavior they know to be illegal.

Another provision, and arguably the most important for cleaning up the environment in a fiscally responsible way, is the authority granted to Federal district courts to order convicted criminals to reimburse States, localities, and tribes for costs they incur during Federal environmental prosecutions. These recovered costs will be used exclusively for funding the enhancement of environmental law enforcement required in this bill.

Greater protection is also given to the first line of defense in many environmental crime scenes: police, firefighters, and public health personnel. This measure will strengthen the existing penalties for violations of the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Community Right-to-Know Act, Superfund, the Marine Sanctuaries Act, and other key environmental statutes.

Our legislation also addresses the increasing need for additional training of law enforcement personnel. In response to the urgent requests of State, local, and tribal authorities, the Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act would establish, under the Environmental Protection Agency, a separate program for environmental crimes investigations.

In addition, the act limits the effect of the affirmative acts of concealment that violators commit to prevent prosecution during the current statute of limitations for environmental crimes, which is 5 years. This bill extends the limitations period for up to 3 years beyond the traditional 5 years for cases in which the defendant deliberately conceals the original infraction.

This bill also adds environmental crimes to the list of statutes that provide for restitution to victims, such as violent and economic crime. The act recognizes that longstanding and widespread damage, in addition to the physical injuries and financial losses, may be caused by an environmental crime. The restitution provision includes the costs of removal and remediation of pollution and the necessary restoration of the environment.

Finally, the Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act would authorize prosecutors to seize the assets of environmental criminals before conviction so that the defendant retains sufficient assets to make reparations. This measure ensures that environmental criminals cannot hide behind bankruptcy, or hide their assets so that the Government bears the burden of the cost of repairs.

Let me conclude, Mr. President, by saying that although this legislation is long overdue, the effects of it will be far-reaching. This issue is not only about the environment, it is about fiscal responsibility and taking responsibility for one's actions. This bill does not propose newer, stricter regulations, it does not call for any burdensome Federal mandates; it merely closes loopholes through which polluters have slipped for many years. Furthermore, it reduces the burden placed of Government to pay for environmental cleanups and places it firmly on the shoulders of the criminals, where it belongs. Once again, I complement the leadership of the Senator from New Jersey. It was a pleasure working together to develop this legislation, and I look forward to working with him to pass it.●

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1243

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1243, a bill to provide educational assistance to the dependents of Federal law enforcement officials who are killed or disabled in the performance of their duties.

S. 1385

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1385, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of periodic colorectal screening services under Part B of the Medicare program.

S. 1628

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1628, a bill to amend title 17, United States Code, relating to the copyright interests of certain musical performances, and for other purposes.

S. 2047

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2047, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the application of the pension nondiscrimination rules to governmental plans.

S. 2064

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. FRAHM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2064, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend the program of research on breast cancer.

S. 2089

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2089, a bill to transfer land administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the States in which the land is located.

SENATE RESOLUTION 274

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 274, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the outstanding achievements of NetDay96.

SENATE RESOLUTION 292

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. JOHNSTON], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 292, a resolution designating the second Sunday in October 1996 as ''National Children's Day,'' and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 5383

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5383 proposed to S. 39, a bill to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize appropriations, to provide for sustainable fisheries, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE MARITIME SECURITY ACT OF 1996

GRASSLEY AMENDMENT NO. 5391

Mr. GRASSLEY proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 1350) a bill to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

SEC. . UNIFORM PAYMENT FOR HAZARDOUS DUTY.

Title III of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 App. U.S.C. 1131), as amended by section 10 of this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

''SEC. 303. PAYMENT OF MERCHANT SEAMEN FOR HAZARDOUS DUTY.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation, in cooperation with the Secretary of Defense, shall establish a wage scale for hazardous duty applicable to an individual who is employed on a vessel that is used by the United States for a war, armed conflict, national emergency, or maritime mobilization need (including training purposes or testing for readiness and suitability for mission performance).

''(b) CONTENT OF WAGE SCALE.—The wage scale established under this section shall be commensurate with the incentive pay for hazardous duty provided to members of the uniformed services under section 301 of title 37, United States Code.''.

THE INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT OF 1996

McCAIN AMENDMENT NO. 5392

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. MCCAIN) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 3378) to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to extend the demonstration program for direct billing of Medicare, Medicaid, and other third party payors; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the ''Indian Health Care Improvement Technical Corrections Act of 1996''.

(b) REFERENCES.—Whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to or repeal of a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

SEC. 2. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN THE INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT.

(a) DEFINITION OF HEALTH PROFESSION.—Section 4(n) (25 U.S.C. 1603(n)) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''allopathic medicine,'' before ''family medicine''; and

(2) by striking ''and allied health professions'' and inserting ''an allied health profession, or any other health profession''.

(b) INDIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS.—Section 104(b) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1613a(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking the matter preceding clause (i) and inserting the following:

''(3)(A) The active duty service obligation under a written contract with the Secretary under section 338A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 2541) that an individual has entered into under that section shall, if that individual is a recipient of an Indian Health Scholarship, be met in full-time practice, by service—'';

(ii) by striking ''or'' at the end of clause (iii);

(iii) by striking the period at the end of clause (iv) and inserting ''; or''; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following new clause:

''(v) in an academic setting (including a program that receives funding under section 102, 112, or 114, or any other academic setting that the Secretary, acting through the Service, determines to be appropriate for the purposes of this clause) in which the major duties and responsibilities of the recipient are the recruitment and training of Indian health professionals in the discipline of that recipient in a manner consistent with the purpose of this title, as specified in section 101.'';

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respectively;

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

''(B) At the request of any individual who has entered into a contract referred to in subparagraph (A) and who receives a degree in medicine (including osteopathic or allopathic medicine), dentistry, optometry, podiatry, or pharmacy, the Secretary shall defer the active duty service obligation of that individual under that contract, in order that such individual may complete any internship, residency, or other advanced clinical training that is required for the practice of that health profession, for an appropriate period (in years, as determined by the Secretary), subject to the following conditions:

''(i) No period of internship, residency, or other advanced clinical training shall be counted as satisfying any period of obligated service that is required under this section.

''(ii) The active duty service obligation of that individual shall commence not later than 90 days after the completion of that advanced clinical training (or by a date specified by the Secretary).

''(iii) The active duty service obligation will be served in the health profession of that individual, in a manner consistent with clauses (i) through (v) of subparagraph (A).'';

(D) in subparagraph (C), as so redesignated, by striking ''prescribed under section 338C of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254m) by service in a program specified in subparagraph (A)'' and inserting ''described in subparagraph (A) by service in a program specified in that subparagraph''; and

(E) in subparagraph (D), as so redesignated—

(i) by striking ''Subject to subparagraph (B),'' and inserting ''Subject to subparagraph (C),''; and

(ii) by striking ''prescribed under section 338C of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254m)'' and inserting ''described in subparagraph (A)'';

(2) in paragraph (4)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking the matter preceding clause (i) and inserting the following:

''(B) the period of obligated service described in paragraph (3)(A) shall be equal to the greater of—''; and

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking ''(42 U.S.C. 254m(g)(1)(B))'' and inserting ''(42 U.S.C. 254l(g)(1)(B))''; and

(3) in paragraph (5), by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

''(C) Upon the death of an individual who receives an Indian Health Scholarship, any obligation of that individual for service or payment that relates to that scholarship shall be canceled.

''(D) The Secretary shall provide for the partial or total waiver or suspension of any obligation of service or payment of a recipient of an Indian Health Scholarship if the Secretary determines that—

''(i) it is not possible for the recipient to meet that obligation or make that payment;

''(ii) requiring that recipient to meet that obligation or make that payment would result in extreme hardship to the recipient; or

''(iii) the enforcement of the requirement to meet the obligation or make the payment would be unconscionable.

''(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any case of extreme hardship or for other good cause shown, the Secretary may waive, in whole or in part, the right of the United States to recover funds made available under this section.

''(F) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with respect to a recipient of an Indian Health Scholarship, no obligation for payment may be released by a discharge in bankruptcy under title 11, United States Code, unless that discharge is granted after the expiration of the 5-year period beginning on the initial date on which that payment is due, and only if the bankruptcy court finds that the nondischarge of the obligation would be unconscionable.''.

(c) CALIFORNIA CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section 211(g) (25 U.S.C. 1621j(g)) is amended by striking ''1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997'' and inserting ''1996 through 2000''.

(d) EXTENSION OF CERTAIN DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section 405(c)(2) (25 U.S.C. 1645(c)(2)) is amended by striking ''September 30, 1996'' and inserting ''September 30, 1998''.

(e) GALLUP ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER.—Section 706(d) (25 U.S.C. 1665e(d)) is amended to read as follows:

''(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated, for each of fiscal years 1996 through 2000, such sums as may be necessary to carry out subsection (b).''.

(f) SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR EDUCATION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section 711(h) (25 U.S.C. 1665j(h)) is amended by striking ''1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997'' and inserting ''1996 through 2000''.

(g) HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section 821(i) (25 U.S.C. 1680k(i)) is amended by striking ''1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997'' and inserting ''1996 through 2000''.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, beginning at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing on tribal sovereign immunity issues. The hearing will be held in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Those wishing additional information should contact the Committee on Indian Affairs at 224–2251.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 25, 1996, beginning at 1:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing on the phase-out of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation. The hearing will be held in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

Those wishing additional information should contact the Committee on Indian Affairs at 224–2251.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Special Committee on Aging, in conjunction with the Committee on Appropriations, will hold a hearing on Thursday, September 26, 1996, at 9 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building. The hearing will discuss increasing funding for biomedical research.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate at 10:30 am on Thursday, September 19, 1996, and that the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 10 a.m. for a hearing on S. 1724, Freedom from Government Competition Act of 1996.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 10 a.m., to hold an executive business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. to hold an open hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing to discuss Social Security reform.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed conference on the fiscal year 1997 intelligence authorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON DRINKING WATER, FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Drinking Water, Fisheries and Wildlife be granted permission to conduct a hearing Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. in hearing room SD–406 on S. 1660, the National Invasive Species Act of 1996, and to solicit testimony on efforts to reduce the threat posed by nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ADM. BRUCE DEMARS

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and honor Adm. Bruce DeMars, U.S. Navy, as he prepares to retire upon completion of over 40 years of faithful service to our Nation.

During his distinguished career, he played a pivotal role in ensuring the effective and efficient employment of nuclear powered warships in providing for the security of this Nation. Over the past 8 years, Admiral DeMars provided invaluable leadership to the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, enabling Navy aircraft carriers, submarines, and cruisers to protect a strong, forward-deployed strategic defense force.

Among his many successes in the Navy, Admiral DeMars served as the commanding officer of the USS *Cavalla* (SSN 684), commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas-U.S. Naval Base Guam, and the deputy chief of Naval Operations for Submarine Warfare. Ultimately, he was appointed Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion, where he was instrumental in addressing the worldwide Soviet threat. With the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Admiral DeMars answered the challenge to maintain the technical excellence and uncompromising safety of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, while adhering to the new fiscal realities of the post-cold-war era.

Admiral DeMars' leadership was crucial to the continued exceptional performance, safety, and environmental record of the Navy's nuclear-powered ships. Under his oversight, the Nation's nuclear-powered warships steamed over 40 million miles reliably and safely. Moreover, more than 20,000 sailors and officers were trained as nuclear plant operators. The success of the program was recognized by the President in April 1994, as he wrote, ''* * * The Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, with its high standards and efficiency, exemplifies the level of excellence we are working toward throughout our government.'' I heartily agree with the President's assessment, and encourage all to follow the example set by the admiral.

Admiral DeMars modernized our nuclear-powered fleet. Thirty-five new nuclear-powered warships were completed on his watch, as well as the overhaul, refueling, or decommissioning of 98 ships. I commend him for meeting two diverse goals: achieving long-cost savings, while sustaining the industrial base in this highly specialized area.

Looking toward the future, the admiral steadfastly oversaw the development of the *Seawolf* attack submarine class. The recent, highly successful sea trials of the lead ship substantiate the high expectations for that class. The revolutionary developments embodied in the *Seawolf* will keep our Nation in the forefront of this critical area, and ongoing developments promise to further reduce the cost of the next generation of highly capable nuclear attack submarines.

Unfortunately, men of Admiral DeMars' caliber are few and far between.

Mr. President, I commend Admiral DeMars for a career of faithful service to his Nation. I wish him ''Fair Winds and Following Seas'' as he completes his honorable and distinguished service in the U.S. Navy.•

TRIBUTE TO GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY'S NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES PROGRAM AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, this year marks the 20th anniversary of the National Security Studies Program at Georgetown University. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Stephen Gibert, the founder and current director of the National Security Studies Program, for his vision in establishing and running this highly successful program. In addition, I want to add my best wishes to the faculty, the administration, the program's graduates, and the current students as they celebrate this important milestone in the program's history.

The National Security Studies Program was started to provide military officers and civilian officials concerned with defense issues a high-quality graduate education with a concentration in national security studies. It represented an innovative and needed approach at that time. In the ensuing 20 years, the National Security Studies Program has kept pace with the changes that have occurred in the international security environment. As we move further along in the post-cold war era and encounter new types of threats to our Nation's security, it is encouraging to see that this program is sponsoring lectures on such timely issues as the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, information warfare, terrorism, and computer security. The focus on new security threats complements a strong selection of courses offered by the National Security Studies Program in the categories of area studies, economics, and national security, as well as functional issues.

I have kept up with this program since its inception as a number of my staff have been students. In fact, my Armed Services Committee staff director, Arnold Punaro, is not only a graduate of the program but is also a member of its adjunct faculty. I want to extend my best wishes for continued success to the National Security Studies Program at Georgetown University as it prepares a future generation of America's national security leaders to meet the challenges of the 21st century.•

TRIBUTE TO WBEJ RADIO ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I rise today to salute WBEJ Radio for 50 great years of broadcasting excellence in Elizabethton and upper east Tennessee. This radio station has stood the test of time and has served its community as a source of entertainment, election coverage, local news, and national events. Over the years, WBEJ has undergone many technological and managerial changes and has become a pioneer in radio broadcasting by combining innovative technology with a genuine desire to provide reliable service to a growing community.

WBEJ made its debut in 1946 with the ''Swap and Shop'' show, which was sponsored by a local furniture store and acted as a radio-operated classified ad for the Elizabethton community. That show is still popular today and continues to bring citizens together to buy and trade items. Along with ''Swap and Shop,'' news broadcasts and local entertainment combined to form the early roots of success for the radio station. In the early days, local news was broadcast three times a day. Today, the news is broadcast more often and provides a wide range of coverage from across the State and the Nation. Outdoor enthusiasts have relied on WBEJ to provide accurate reports on the hunting and fishing conditions in the Elizabethton area, and families have sat glued to the radio waiting for details and information on events like Elvis' death, the blizzard of 1993 and the *Challenger* crash of 1986.

Mr. President, budding local musicians found a welcome studio and a receptive audience when they performed live on WBEJ decades ago. And listeners were entertained by the station's many radio personalities, such as ''Curley'' the postman and his sidekick ''Sgt. Jack.''

Bill Wilkins was a sportscaster for WBEJ and his catchy phrases and nicknames for local players became slogans for community athletic events. Phrases like ''get your tranquilizers ready,'' and ''the little blond bomber'' became popular terms for teams and athletes alike, and WBEJ sportcasters became regulars at the local high school athletic events with their play-by-play coverage. Over the years, the joy, sorrow, humor, and insight from all of these programs have been woven into the community's heart.

Mr. President, since 1946, WBEJ has been a part of every major event that has occurred in Tennessee and in the Nation. WBEJ has covered it all in a span of 50 years and has only gotten better with time. As such an important member of the Elizabethton community, WBEJ can celebrate its golden anniversary among many good and loyal friends. As Elizabethton continues to grow, I am certain that WBEJ will grow with it. It will maintain its high standards and strong foundation as it crosses the threshold into the 21st century. Dedication, philanthropy, foresight, and innovation have kept this Elizabethton station golden for 50 years and those same traits will carry it successfully into the future.•

REPEAL OF SECTION 434 OF THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1996

• Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, on September 16, I introduced legislation to repeal section 434 of the recently enacted Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. Section 434 provides that:

> Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal, State, or local law, no State or local government entity may be prohibited, or in any way restricted, from sending to or receiving from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) information regarding the immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of an alien in the United States.

This provision conflicts with an executive order, issued by the mayor of New York in 1985, prohibiting city employees from reporting suspected illegal aliens to the Immigration and Naturalization Service unless the alien has been charged with a crime. The executive order, which according to a report in the September 12, 1996, New York Times is similar to local laws in other States and cities, was intended to ensure that fear of deportation does not deter illegal aliens from seeking emergency medical attention, reporting crimes, and so forth.

On September 8, 1995, during Senate consideration of H.R. 4, the Work Opportunity Act of 1995, Senators SANTORUM and NICKLES offered this provision as an amendment. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 91 to 6. The Senators who voted ''no'' were: AKAKA, CAMPBELL, INOUYE, MOSELEY-BRAUN, MOYNIHAN, and SIMON.

Four of these six—Senators AKAKA, MOSELEY-BRAUN, SIMON, and the Senator from New York—were also among the 11 Democrats who voted against H.R. 4 when it passed the Senate 11 days later on September 19, 1995. The provision remained in H.R. 3734, the welfare bill recently signed by President Clinton.

Last week, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani of New York announced that the city planned to challenge section 434 of the new welfare law in court.•

FISCAL YEAR 1997 TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS—HIGHWAY OBLIGATION AUTHORITY

• Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, the Senate completed action on the conference report for the Department of Transportation and related agencies appropriations bill yesterday, voting out the legislation 85 to 14. That bill, H.R. 3675, contained funding for the various transportation programs that this Nation undertakes—aviation, Coast Guard, highways, railroads, and transit. All in all, H.R. 3675 is a good bill for the United States and for the State of New York. However, Mr. President, as occurs in most pieces of legislation, it is not entirely perfect. In this respect, I must raise issue with a provision that was contained in the final version of this bill that will have serious adverse consequences on the State of New York.

When we considered this bill on the Senate floor in July, an amendment was debated and ultimately adopted that would require the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of the Treasury to investigate and report back to the Congress on the impact of and need to remedy an accounting error that was made in 1994 with respect to the crediting of receipts to the Highway Trust Fund. If uncorrected, this error had the potential to change the Federal highway obligation authority in a manner that would reconfigure highway funding for a number of States, allocating more dollars to States where the dollars were not supposed to go and away from States where the dollars were supposed to be allocated. The amendment that passed in the Senate corrected this error.

During the conference with the House of Representatives, this provision was not supported by a majority of conferees and was subsequently dropped. Even efforts to hold States harmless for the coming fiscal year because of this error were not agreed upon. Because of this, we are back where we started before the adoption of the amendment, with this accounting glitch in place and certain States in our Nation facing the denial of funding they deserve.

Unfortunately, New York is one of those States that will be denied its rightful amount of highway funding. The calculations that I have seen indicate that this uncorrected error will cost New York more than $100 million in Federal highway dollars that it should rightfully receive. This is not a small amount of money by any stretch. It is roughly 11 percent of the total highway funding New York should receive in the coming fiscal year. However, because of this accounting error, and because efforts to correct this error were not agreed upon in conference, those who travel New York's roadways will bear the brunt of this 11-percent cut.

It would be an understatement to say that I am displeased that this simple error was not able to be corrected in order to prevent any adverse impact on highway users in New York. However, the members of the conference committee were not inclined to accept the Senate amendment. While I do not agree with the decision by the conferees it is by no means an issue that has been solved.

In 1997, the Congress will be facing a multitude of issues involving the reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act [ISTEA]. Issues involving funding allocations for the individual States will most assuredly be heavily discussed in the course of negotiations over any reauthorization bill. Perhaps this particular issue may need to be revisited in the context of that reauthorization. In the meantime, it still demands the attention and the action of the administration. Therefore, I intend to work with my colleagues whose States are similarly impacted as New York in an effort to remedy this Treasury Department accounting error.•

NIH REVITALIZATION ACT OF 1996

• Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, due to time constraints, the report for the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1996, S. 1897, was filed prior to the receipt of the cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office. The following is a letter from the Congressional Budget Office scoring the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1996, S. 1897. I ask unanimous consent that this letter be printed in the RECORD.

The letter follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 19, 1996.

Hon. NANCY LANDON KASSEBAUM,
Chairman, Committee on Labor and Human Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for S. 1897, the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1996, as reported by the Committee on Labor and Human Resources on September 9, 1996.

Enactment of S. 1897 could affect direct spending. Therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply to the bill.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them.

Sincerely,

JAMES L. BLUM
(For June E. O'Neill, Director).

Enclosure.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

1. Bill number: S. 1897.

2. Bill title: National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1996.

3. Bill status: As reported by the Committee on Labor and Human Resources on September 9, 1996.

4. Bill purpose: S. 1897 would extend expiring provisions, eliminate duplicated or unnecessary advisory boards and reports, codify certain existing programs, and create new programs within the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

5. Estimated cost to the Federal Government: Assuming appropriation of the necessary funds, CBO estimates that the federal government would spend $31.6 billion over the fiscal years 1997–2002 period to implement the provisions of S. 1897.

Table 1 summaries the estimated authorizations and outlays that would result from S. 1897. The table provides the total authorizations and outlays under two different sets of assumptions. The first set of assumptions adjusts the estimated amounts for projected inflation after 1996, while the second set makes no allowance for projected inflation.

The bill could not affect direct spending by establishing the National Fund for Health Research. But S. 1897 does not specify a revenue source for this new trust fund, and no direct spending could occur until it receives funding.

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED BUDGETARY IMPACT OF S. 1897

[By fiscal year, in millions of dollars]

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS ACTION							
Spending under current law:							
Budget authority	8,042	36	37				
Estimated outlays	7,673	4,518	756	34	10		
WITH ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION							
Proposed changes:							
Authorization level		10,222	10,518	10,858			
Estimated outlays		4,431	9,394	10,607	6,103	1,016	33
Spending under S. 1897							
Authorization level	8,042	10,258	10,556	10,858			
Estimated outlays	7,673	8,950	10,150	10,641	6,113	1,016	33
WITHOUT ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION							
Proposed changes:							
Authorization level		10,132	10,132	10,169			
Estimated outlays		4,390	9,183	10,118	5,745	953	31
Spending under S. 1897:							
Authorization level	8,042	10,168	10,169	10,169			
Estimated outlays	7,673	8,909	9,939	10,152	5,755	953	31

The cost of this bill fall within function 550.

6. Basis of the estimate: Most of the authorizations in the bill are for ''such sums as may be necessary.'' For these, the estimated costs for 1997–1999 are based on 1996 appropriations (with and without adjustments for inflation). The authorization for general activities of the National Cancer Institute and the authorizations for the National Institute on Aging, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Library of Medicine, and Parkinson's reearch are for specified amounts for 1997 and such sums as may be necessary for 1998 and 1999. For these programs, the estimated costs in 1998 and 1999 are based on the 1997 authorization, with and without adjustments for inflation.

1The authorized amount for the pediatric research initiative is 450 million over the whole 1997–1999 period. Finally, S. 1897 would authorize for diabetes research each year from 1997 through 1999 the amount appropriated for this purpose in 1996 increased by 25 percent.

The estimate reflects these specific authorizations. Table 2 displays the authorizations estimated for each program with adjustments for inflation.

TABLE 2.—ESTIMATED AUTHORIZATION LEVELS WITH ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION

[By fiscal year, in millions of dollars]

	1997	1998	1999
TITLE I AND II—PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND TO THE NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES			
Director's Discretionary Fund	12	12	13
Children's Vaccine Initiative	19	19	20
Research on Osteoporosis, Paget's Disease, and Related Bone Disorders	120	124	128
National Human Genome Research Institute [1]	175	180	185
TITLE III—SPECIFIC INSTITUTES AND CENTERS			
National Cancer Institute:			
Institute reauthorizations	3,456	3,560	3,664
DES study [2]	8	9	9
National Heart Lung and Blood Institute	1,600	1,647	1,695
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases:			
Research regarding tuberculosis	0	0	38
Terry Beirn community-based AIDS research initiative	26	27	27
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development:			
Research centers for contraception and infertility	5	5	5
National Institute on Aging	550	567	583
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	330	340	350
National Institute on Drug Abuse	480	494	508
National Institute of Mental Health	750	772	794
National Center for Research Resources:			
Authorizations—biomedical and behavioral research facilities	21	21	22
General clinical research centers	150	155	159
Enhancement awards	1	1	1
National Library of Medicine	160	165	170
TITLE IV, V, AND VI—AWARDS AND TRAINING, AIDS RESEARCH, AND GENERAL PROVISIONS			
AIDS Loan Repayment Program and Increase in Maximum Repayment	1	1	1
General Loan Repayment Program	2	2	2
Clincial Research Assistance [3]	1	1	1
Comprehensive Plan for Expenditure of AIDS Appropriations	1,453	1,499	1,547
Emergency AIDS discretionary fund	10	11	11
National Research Service Awards	408	421	435
National Foundation for Biomedical Research	([4])	([4])	([4])
Establishment of a Pediatric Research Initiative	17	17	17
Diabetes Research	387	387	387
Parkinson's Research	80	80	80
Total	10,222	10,518	10,858

[1] S. 1897 would create the National Human Genome Research Institute and transfer to it all obligations and balances of the National Center for Human Genome Research. In addition, the bill would provide the authorization estimated above.

[2] The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences also participate in the DES program. However, approximately 80 percent of the program's spending is attributable to the National Cancer Institute.

[3] The amounts shown include both the costs that would result from the expansion of the loan programs in Title IV as well as their authorization under Title VI. In addition, the bill currently authorizes the loan program regarding clinical researchers indefinitely. However, it is CBO's understanding that the committee intended to provide authorization only through 1999.

[4] Costs of less than $500,000.

Titles I and II

Director's Discretionary Fund. S. 1897 would authorize appropriations, of such sums as may be necessary over the 1997–1999 period for the Director's discretionary fund within the Office of the Director of NIH. The fund enables the Director to respond to emerging research opportunities and health priorities. In addition, the Director uses the funds to support several awards and seminars. Funding for these activities in 1996 was $11 million.

Children Vaccine Initiative. The bill would also reauthorize the Children's Vaccine Initiative, extending funding through 1999. The National Institute on Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID), the National Institute on Child Health and Human Development, and the National Institute on Aging are also included in this initiative, but currently NIAID is the only institute participating. If funding at the 1996 level adjusted for inflation, CBO estimates this program would cost $57 million over the three-year period.

Osteoporosis, Paget's Disease and Related Bone Disorders. The bill would also reauthorize through 1999 the coordinated research program on osteoporosis, Paget's disease, and related bone disorders. This program is coordinated by the Directors of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, the National Institute on Aging, the National Institute of Dental Research, and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and includes participation by several of the other institutes and centers. If funded at the 1996 level adjusted for inflation, this program would cost $372 million over the three-year period.

National Human Genome Research Institute. S. 1897 would create the National Human Genome Research Institute and transfer to it all functions, employees, assets, liabilities, contracts, and records that the National Center for Human Genome Research (NCHGR) performed and held before the enactment of this legislation. Giving the NCHGR the status of an institute would allow it to make awards of $100,000 or less without Advisory Council approval, to establish less extensive and time-consuming clearance requirements in the publication process: to complete for funds solely designated for research performed by institutes; and other freedoms. The bill would authorize this institute from 1997 through 1999. Based on the 1996 appropriation for the NCHGR adjusted for inflation, CBO estimates this authorization would cost $450 million over the three-year period.

Title III

Reauthorizations. This title would reauthorize all of the institutes and centers of NIH through 1999. The estimated authorizations with adjustments for inflation are shown in Table 2. They total $23.3 billion over the 1997–1999 period.

DES Program. S. 1897 would reauthorize from 1997 through 1999 the DES program, which conducts and supports research and training, the dissemination of health information, and other programs with respect to the diagnosis and treatment of conditions associated with exposure to the drug diethylstilbestrol (DES). Participating institutes include the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. In 1996, 80 percent of the spending occurred in the National Cancer Institute. CBO estimates this provision would cost $26 million over the three-year period, assuming appropriations at the 1996 level adjusted for inflation.

General Clinical Research Centers. The bill would codify the existing General Clinical Research Centers and authorize them from 1997 through 1999. The Director of the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) awards grants for these centers, which provide the infrastructure for clinical research. The centers support clinical studies and career development in all settings of the hospital or academic medical center involved. Funding for this program in 1996 was $146 million.

Enhancement Awards. The bill would also require the Director of NCRR to create two grant programs called the Clinical Research Career Enhancement Award and the Innovative Medical Science Award. The Clinical Research Enhancement Awards would support

individual careers in clinical research, with grants not to exceed $130,000 per year per grant. The Innovative Medical Science Awards would support individual clinical research projects, with grants not to exceed $100,000 per year per grant. The Director of NIH, together with the Director of the NCRR, would establish a peer review mechanism to evaluate applications for clinical research fellowships, Clinical Research Enhancement Awards, and Innovative Medical Science Awards. The bill would authorize these programs from 1997 through 1999. Based on information provided by the NCRR, CBO estimates these grants would cost $3 million over the three-year period.

Titles IV, V, and VI

Loan Repayment Programs. S. 1897 would raise the maximum amount given to NIH to repay the educational loans of qualified health professionals who agree to conduct AIDS research, contraception and infertility research, and research generally as employees of NIH. The maximum loan repayment amount for clinical researchers would also be raised. The maximum loan repayment for each year of service would be increased from $20,000 to $35,000. Based on the number of researchers that would be affected by the loan repayment increase, CBO estimates increasing the maximum loan amount would cost $1 million over the three-year period. In addition, the bill would reauthorize from 1997–1999 the loan repayment program fro research with respect to AIDS. If funded at the 1996 level, CBO estimates the authorization would cost $2 million over the three-year period.

The bill would also establish a general loan repayment program. Like the other loan repayment programs, the Secretary of HHS would act through the Director of NIH and enter into agreements with qualified health professionals to conduct research identified by the Director. The Federal government would repay not more than $35,000 of the principal and interest of the educational loans of such professionals for each year of service. The loan repayment agreement would be for a minimum of two years. The bill authorizes funding for this program from 1997 through 1999. The Office of the Director projects that it would spend approximately $1.5 million per year as a result of this program. Based on this information, CBO estimates this new loan repayment program would cost $5 million over the three-year period.

S. 1897 would increase the cumulative number of contracts permitted for scholarships and loan repayments for the undergraduate scholarship program of the National Research Institutes and the loan repayment program for clinical researchers. Under current law, 50 such contracts are authorized from 1994 through 1996; the bill would increase the cumulative limit to 100 for the 1994 through 1999 period. It would also reauthorize these programs from 1997 through 1999. Based on past spending by these programs, CBO estimates that adding 50 contracts would cost $3 million over the 1997–1999 period.

AIDS Research. S. 1897 would reauthorize comprehensive AIDS research by the institutes and the AIDS emergency discretionary fund from 1997 through 1999. The emergency discretionary fund is used by the Director of the Office of AIDS Research to fund additional AIDS research the Director determines is needed. Assuming that appropriations are provided at the 1996 level adjusted for inflation, CBO estimates this provision would cost a total of $4,530 million over the three-year period.

National Research Service Awards. The bill would reauthorize the National Research Service Awards from 1997 through 1999. These awards are given for biomedical and behavioral research and training at NIH, at public and nonprofit entities, and for pre-doctoral and post-doctoral training of individuals to undertake biomedical and behavioral research. The Office of the Director estimates that NIH will spend $395 million on these awards in 1996. Assuming this level of spending adjusted for inflation, CBO estimates this provision would cost $1,265 million over the three-year period.

National Foundation for Biomedical Research. The bill would reauthorize the National Foundation of Biomedical Research, a nonprofit corporation, from 1997 through 1999. It was established by the Secretary of HHS to support NIH and advance collaboration with biomedical researchers from universities, industry, and nonprofit organizations. The foundation is currently in the initial stages of operation. NIH is requesting $200,000 for 1997 for this foundation and expects to need a similar level of funding for each of the fiscal years 1998 and 1999. Based on this information, CBO estimates the cost of this proposal would be less than $1 million over the three-year period.

National Fund for Health Research. The bill would establish the National Fund for Health Research. This fund would consist of amounts transferred to it and interest earned on it. The amount in the fund would be distributed each year to all of the research institutes and centers of NIH, provided that appropriations in that year are not less than those of the prior year. This provision would set up this account in the Treasury, but would not establish a source of funding for it. When and if a source of income is established for this trust fund, NIH would apparently have the authority to spend amounts in the fund, including interest earnings, without appropriations action. This would be direct spending, but CBO has no basis for estimating the amount of such spending until the source of revenues for the fund is established.

Pediatric Research Initiative. S. 1897 would require the Secretary to establish, within the Office of the Director of NIH, a Pediatric Research Initiative that would be headed by the Director. The initiative would encourage increased support for pediatric biomedical research within the NIH, enhance collaborative multi-disciplinary research among the institutes, increase pediatric research demonstrating how to improve the quality of children's health care while reducing cost, and develop clinical trials and information to promote the safe and effective use of prescription drugs in the pediatric population. The Director would have discretion in the allocation of assistance among the institutes, among the types of grants, and between basic and clinical research. The bill would authorize $50 million for the 1997–1999 period.

Diabetes Research. The bill would reauthorize and expand funding for the conduct and support of research related to diabetes by the NIH. The majority of this spending occurs within the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive Kidney Diseases. S. 1897 would provide for each year from 1997 through 1999 the amount appropriated for this purpose in 1996 increased by 25 percent. In 1996, NIH spent $309 million on research related to diabetes. if appropriations are made for the full authorized amount, this research would cost $1,160 million over the three-year period.

Program for Parkinson's Disease. The bill would also require the Director of NIH to establish a program for the conduct and support of research and training concerning Parkinson's disease. The Director would coordinate research among all of the national research institutes conducting Parkinson's research and would convene a research planning conference at least every two years.

The Director would also be required to establish two grant programs pertaining to Parkinson's disease. The first would award up to 10 Core Center Grants to encourage the development of innovative multi-disciplinary research and provide training concerning Parkinson's disease. Support for a center would not be provided for a period longer than five years, but support could be extended after a review. The second grant program would support innovative proposals leading to significant breakthroughs in Parkinson's research.

S. 1897 would authorize $80 million for 1997 and such sums as necessary for 1998 and 1999 for the Parkinson's disease program. CBO estimates the cost of this provision to be $248 million over the three-year period, assuming adjustments for inflation.

7. Pay-as-you-go considerations: S. 1897 could affect direct spending by establishing the National Fund for Health Research. The bill does not establish a source of funding for it, but when and if a source of income is established, NIH would have the authority to spend amounts in the fund. Such spending would include any interest earned by the fund and would occur without appropriations action. This would be direct spending, but CBO has no basis for estimating the amount of such spending until the source of revenues for the fund is established.

8. Estimated cost to State and local governments: This bill contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–4) and would impose no cost on state, local, or tribal governments. Some of the funds made available by this bill for research activities would go to state and local governments, particularly public universities.

9. Estimated cost to the private sector: The bill would impose no new private-sector mandates as defined in Public Law 104–4.

10. Estimate comparison: None.

11. Previous estimate: None.

12. Estimate prepared by: Federal Cost Estimate: Cyndi Dudzinski (226–9010); Impact on State, Local, and Tribal Governments: John Patterson (225–3220); Impact on the Private Sector: Linda Bilheimer (225–2673).

13. Estimate approved by: Robert A. Sunshine, for Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.●

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE SHAFFER ON COMPLETION OF HIS TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS OF AMERICA

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a fellow New Mexican and personal friend, George Shaffer of Albuquerque, who is nearing completion of his 1-year term as president of the Independent Insurance Agents of America [IIAA]. The closure of Mr. Shaffer's term as the elected leader of the Nation's largest insurance trade association will be the crowning accomplishment of a career filled with many years of distinguished service to IIAA, and to its 300,000 members across the country.

George has enjoyed an outstanding career as an independent insurance agent. After holding several elective offices in the New Mexico State association of IIAA, George became New Mexico's representative to IIAA's national board of State directors in 1982,

and continued to serve in that position until 1990.

George served on IIAA's government affairs committee for 6 years, including 3 years as chairman. In 1990, IIAA presented him with its prestigious Sidney O. Smith Award, presented to an individual for excellence in government affairs activities. George was elected to IIAA's executive committee in Chicago in 1990, and was selected by his peers to become IIAA's 90th president last September in Las Vegas.

George's commitment to public service extends to his involvement in State and local community activities. He has served as a New Mexico State senator and as chairman of New Mexico's Better Business Bureau. In addition, George served a 4-year term as the lay member of the New Mexico Real Estate Commission, and for the past 16 years has served as a trustee of the Albuquerque Academy, a 6th-12th grade privately endowed school.

I congratulate my fellow New Mexican, public-spirited citizen, and friend for a job extremely well done. I am confident that George's admirable service to IIAA, his colleagues, and his fellow citizens of Albuquerque will continue well into the future.●

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar en bloc, Calendar Nos. 721 through 744, and all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

AIR FORCE

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under Title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John A. Gordon, 000–00–0000, United States Air Force.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Air Force while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 8036:

SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Charles H. Roadman, II, 000–00–0000.

The following-named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force, to the grade indicated, under the provisions of title 10, United States Code, sections 8374, 12201, 12204, and 12212:

To be brigadier general

Brig. Gen. Dwight M. Kealoha, USAF (Retired), 000–00–0000, Air National Guard.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Air Force while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. William J. Donahue, 000–00–0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Air Force while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Normand G. Lezy, 000–00–0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Air Force while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. William P. Hallin, 000–00–0000.

The following-named officer for reappointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Air Force while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. George T. Babbitt, Jr., 000–00–0000.

The following-named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, sections 8374, 12201, and 12212:

To be brigadier general

Col. Gerald W. Wright, 000–00–0000, Air National Guard of the United States.

ARMY

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a) and 3036:

CHIEF OF ENGINEERS

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Joe N. Ballard, 000–00–0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath, 000–00–0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Edward G. Anderson III, 000–00–0000, U.S. Army.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. George A. Crocker, 000–00–0000.

The following U.S. Army National Guard officers for promotion in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, United States Code, sections 3385, 3392 and 12203(a):

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Frank A. Catalano, Jr., 000–00–0000

To be brigadier general

Col. Clarence E. Bayless, Jr., 000–00–0000.
Col. John C. Bradberry, 000–00–0000.
Col. Roger B. Burrows, 000–00–0000.
Col. William G. Butts, Jr., 000–00–0000.
Col. Dalton E. Diamond, 000–00–0000.
Col. George T. Garrett, 000–00–0000.
Col. Larry E. Gilman, 000–00–0000.
Col. John R. Groves, Jr., 000–00–0000.
Col. Hugh J. Hall, 000–00–0000.
Col. Elmo C. Head, Jr., 000–00–0000.
Col. Willie R. Johnson, 000–00–0000.
Col. Stephen D. Korenek, 000–00–0000.
Col. Bruce M. Lawlor, 000–00–0000.
Col. Paul M. Majerick, 000–00–0000.
Col. Timothy E. Neel, 000–00–0000.
Col. Jeff L. Neff, 000–00–0000.
Col. Anthony L. Oien, 000–00–0000.
Col. Terry L. Reed, 000–00–0000.
Col. Michael H. Taylor, 000–00–0000.
Col. Edwin H. Wright, 000–00–0000.

The following-named Judge Advocate General's Corps Competitive Category officers for promotion in the Regular Army of the United States to the grade of brigadier general under the provisions of title 10, United States Code, sections 611(a) and 624(c):

To be brigadier general

Col. Joseph R. Barnes, 000–00–0000.
Col. Michael J. Marchand, 000–00–0000.

The following U.S. Army National Guard officers for promotion in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, United States Code, sections 3385, 3392 and 12203(a):

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Carroll D. Childers, 000–00–0000.
Brig. Gen. Cecil L. Dorten, 000–00–0000.
Brig. Gen. Clyde A. Hennies, 000–00–0000.
Brig. Gen. Warren L. Freeman, 000–00–0000.

To be brigadier general

Col. John E. Barnette, 000–00–0000.
Col. Roberto Benavides, Jr., 000–00–0000.
Col. Ernest D. Brockman, Jr., 000–00–0000.
Col. Danny B. Callahan, 000–00–0000.
Col. Reginald A. Centracchio, 000–00–0000.
Col. Terry J. Dorenbush, 000–00–0000.
Col. Thomas W. Eres, 000–00–0000.
Col. Edward A. Ferguson, Jr., 000–00–0000.
Col. Gary L. Franch, 000–00–0000.
Col. Peter J. Gravett, 000–00–0000.
Col. Robert L. Halverson, 000–00–0000.
Col. Joseph G. Labrie, 000–00–0000.
Col. Bennett C. Landreneau, 000–00–0000.
Col. John W. Libby, 000–00–0000.
Col. Marianne Mathewson-Chapman, 000–00–0000.
Col. Edmond B. Nolley, Jr., 000–00–0000.
Col. James F. Reed III, 000–00–0000.
Col. Darwin H. Simpson, 000–00–0000.
Col. Allen E. Tackett, 000–00–0000.
Col. Michael R. Van Patten, 000–00–0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 3036:

SURGEON GENERAL, U.S. ARMY

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, 000–00–0000.

MARINE CORPS

The following-named officer for reappointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Marine Corps while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under the provisions of section 601, title 10, United States Code:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, 000–00–0000.

NAVY

The following-named officers for promotion in the line in the Navy of the United States to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

UNRESTRICTED LINE OFFICER

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Daniel R. Bowler, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. John E. Boyington, Jr., 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. John T. Byrd, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. John V. Chenevey, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. Ronald L. Christenson, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. Albert T. Church III, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. John P. Davis, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. Thomas J. Elliott, Jr., 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. John B. Foley III, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. Kevin P. Green, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. Alfred G. Harms, Jr., 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. John M. Johnson, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. Herbert C. Kaler, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. Timothy J. Keating, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. Gene R. Kendall, 000–00–0000.
Capt. Timothy W. LaFleur, 000–00–0000.
Capt. Arthur N. Langston III, 000–00–0000.
Capt. James W. Metzger, 000–00–0000.
Capt. David P. Polatty III, 000–00–0000.
Capt. Ronald A. Route, 000–00–0000.
Capt. Steven G. Smith, 000–00–0000.
Capt. Thomas W. Steffens, 000–00–0000.
Capt. Ralph E. Suggs, 000–00–0000.
Capt. Paul F. Sullivan, 000–00–0000.

ENGINEERING DUTY OFFICER

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Roland B. Knapp, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. Kathleen K. Paige, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.

SPECIAL DUTY OFFICER (INTELLIGENCE)

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Perry M. Ratiff, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.

SPECIAL DUTY OFFICER (FLEET SUPPORT)

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Jacqueline O. Allison, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.

The following-named officers for promotion in the line in the Navy of the United States to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

UNRESTRICTED LINE OFFICER

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Harry M. Highfill, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. Richard J. Naughton, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.
Capt. William G. Sutton, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. William J. Hancock, 000–00–0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. William J. Fallon, 000–00–0000.

The following-named officer for reappointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10 United States Code, section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., 000–00–0000.

The following-named officer for promotion in the Naval Reserve of the United States to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 5912:

CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS OFFICER

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Thomas Joseph Gross, 000–00–0000, U.S. Naval Reserve.

The following-named officer for promotion in the Navy of the United States to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

MEDICAL CORPS

To be rear admiral (Lower Half)

Capt. Bonnie B. Potter, 000–00–0000, U.S. Navy.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE, ARMY, MARINE CORPS, NAVY

Air Force nominations beginning Jeffrey I. Roller, and ending David B. Porter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 17, 1996.

Air Force nominations beginning Michael P. Allison, and ending John P. Smail, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 1996.

Air Force nominations beginning John W. Baker, and ending Laurie L. Yankosky, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 1996.

Air Force nomination of Edgar W. Hatcher, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Air Force nominations beginning Malcolm N. Joseph III, and ending Etienne I. Tormos, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Air Force nominations beginning John W. Amshoff, Jr., and ending Salvatore J. Lombardi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Air Force nominations beginning Johnny R. Almond, and ending Herbert R. Zucker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 1996.

Army nominations beginning *Anthony J. Abati, and ending 2425x, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 1996.

Army nomination of Donald G. Higgins, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 17, 1996.

Army nominations beginning Robert M. Carrothers, and ending Jeffrey T. Weller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 19, 1996.

Army nominations beginning James R. Barr, and ending Michael D. Moser, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 19, 1996.

Army nominations of Col. George B. Forsythe, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Marine Corps nominations of George W. Simmons, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 22, 1996.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Robert E. Carney, and ending William P. Schulz, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 1996.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Craig T. Boddington, and ending Frederick B. Witesman II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 1996.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Gary J. Couch, and ending Joel G. Ogren, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Ralph P. Dorn, and ending Michael F. Kenny, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Marine Corps nomination of John C. Sumner, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Michael G. Alexander, and ending Joyce V. Woods, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Marine Corps nominations beginning James R. Adams, and ending John H. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Timothy Foley, and ending Micheal J. Colburn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Navy nominations beginning Aaron C. Flannery, and ending James M. Ingalls, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 1995.

Navy nomination of John L. Wilson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Navy nomination of Eric L. Pagenkopf, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Navy nominations beginning Daniel C. Alder, and ending Terrance L. Nicholls, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Navy nominations beginning James C. Ackley, and ending Albert F. Vandervoort, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Navy nominations beginning Gregorio A. Abad, and ending Robert E. Zulick, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Navy nominations beginning Robert E. Aguirre, and ending Kurt D. Sisson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

Navy nominations beginning David W. Anderson, and ending Jerome J. Squatrito, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1996.

NOMINATION OF COLONEL ALLEN E. TACKETT

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I am pleased that the President has nominated Colonel Allen E. Tackett for the rank of Brigadier General. Colonel Tackett, a resident of Miami, WVA, graduated from East Bank High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Charleston, Charleston, WVA.

Colonel Tackett currently serves as the Adjutant General, West Virginia National Guard, headquartered in Charleston. Prior to this, he held many demanding and key positions, before assuming his prestigious command of nearly six thousand men and women serving in the West Virginia National Guard.

At present, Colonel Tackett has over 32 years of dedicated service in the National Guard, to our country and the State of West Virginia. He earned a commission in June, 1967, from Infantry Officer Candidate School, at Fort Benning, Georgia. Colonel Tackett is a military graduate of the Special Warfare Center, Jumpmaster Course, Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, and the Special Warfare Center, Techniques of Special Operations.

Colonel Tackett's major decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Medal, Humanitarian Medal and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal. He was awarded, through rigorous training and proven proficiency, the coveted Special Forces Tab and Master Parachutist Badge.

Mr. President, I am pleased to cast my vote for the confirmation of Colonel Allen E. Tackett as Brigadier General, and I urge my colleagues to support this nomination.

NOMINATION OF COLONEL JOHN E. BARNETTE

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I am pleased that the President has nominated Colonel John E. Barnette for the rank of Brigadier General. Colonel Barnette, a native of Princeton, West Virginia, earned an undergraduate degree from West Virginia State College, a master's degree from West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, and a Doctoral degree from West Virginia University.

Colonel Barnette has held many responsible positions within the West Virginia Army National Guard since he was commissioned in July, 1969, from Officer Candidate School, West Virginia Military Academy. Most recently, he has been assigned as the Assistant Adjutant General (Army) of the West Virginia National Guard, headquartered in Charleston.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Barnette served as the West Virginia Deputy State Area Commander, West Virginia Army National Guard.

Colonel Barnette has over 28 years of dedicated service in the National Guard. He is a graduate of the Armored Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses and the Command and General Staff College. Colonel Barnette's major decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Mr. President, I am pleased to cast my vote for the confirmation of Colonel John E. Barnette as Brigadier General, and I urge my colleagues to support this nomination.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND ACT OF 1996

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 587, H.R. 2512.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2512) to provide for certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

H.R. 2512

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to rise in support of H.R. 2512, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Infrastructure Development Trust Fund Act of 1996. This bill provides for the long-delayed fulfillment of promises made by Congress to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of South Dakota. These promises were for compensation for the impacts on the Tribe that resulted from the inundation of more than 15,000 acres of the best land on the Crow Creek reservation, including the relocation of Fort Thompson, the principal community on the reservation. The inundation was caused by the construction of Fort Randall and Big Bend dams on the Missouri River pursuant to the Flood Control Act of 1944, otherwise known as the Missouri River Basin Pick-Sloan Project.

H.R. 2512 provides for creation of a trust fund in the United States Treasury for the benefit of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe that would be funded with $27,500,000 from receipts of deposits from the Pick-Sloan power program of the Western Area Power Administration. Only the interest on the fund would be made available to the Tribe, without fiscal year limitations, to spend on implementing a plan for socioeconomic recovery and cultural preservation. This plan will include a variety of infrastruture and related projects that Congress in 1962 directed the Interior Department and the United States Corps of Engineers to provide to the Tribe, but which were either inadequately provided or not provided at all. Among these projects is a high school, a water system, and a community center with a gymnasium and auditorium.

The Committee on Indian Affairs and the House Resources Committee conducted a joint hearing on H.R. 2512 and on a Senate companion bill, S. 1264. The record of that hearing includes extensive historical information on the Big Bend and Fort Randall dam projects, the commitments made by the United States to the Crow Creek Tribe for compensation with respect to these projects, and the extent to which those commitments were not fulfilled. The record is clear that the additional compensation that would be provided by H.R. 2512 is not only well-justified but also long overdue.

It should be noted that the Crow Creek trust fund that would be provided by this legislation is proportionate to trust funds established by Congress in 1992 for the Standing Rock Sioux and Fort Berthold Tribes. The 1992 Standing Rock and Fort Berthold legislation was enacted based on the findings and recommendations of a congressionally mandated joint tribal-Federal task force. This task force studied the impacts of the construction of Oahe and Garrison dams on the Standing Rock and Fort Berthold Reservations, including the inundation of a combined total of more than 200,000 acres of the best lands on those reservations.

Mr. President, the construction of huge, multipurpose dam projects by the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation earlier in this century brought major economic and other benefits to large numbers of people and interests in various parts of the United States. However, these benefits often came at a very high price to others. In the case of the dam projects authorized under the Pick-Sloan Project, the greatest price was paid by Indian tribes whose reservations lie along the Missouri River in North and South Dakota. These tribes saw much of their best farm land flooded, long-established communities relocated, families disrupted, and a way of life changed forever. The human price they paid is beyond calculation.

Regrettably, the conduct of the agencies of the United States government, including the Congress, with respect to the Indian tribes affected by Pick-Sloan Project construction often did not live up to the fair and honorable dealings standard that the tribes had a right and reason to expect from the United States as their trustee. In light of the well-documented history of this conduct with respect to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, I believe that enacting H.R. 2512 is a fair and honorable course for this Congress to take.

Mr. President, this legislation is supported by the State of South Dakota, its congressional delegation, and the Administration, in addition to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe. The House recently passed H.R. 2512 by voice vote, and the Committee on Indian Affairs has favorably reported companion legislation to the Senate. Accordingly, I strongly urge the Senate to pass H.R.

2512 and send it to the President for signature.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I am very pleased that the Senate is considering the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Infrastructure Development Trust Fund Act of 1995. This measure, which is sponsored by Congressman TIM JOHNSON, is very important to South Dakota and the Crow Creek Tribe. I commend the Senate Indian Affairs Committee for its leadership in promoting the bill's companion measure, S. 1264, which I introduced. I also want to publicly thank the members of the Crow Creek Tribe for their many years of hard work. The tribe has worked closely with Congressman JOHNSON and I to shape this legislation that will help realize, at long last, the goals outlined in the Big Bend Act over 30 years ago.

This bill will provide for the development of certain tribal infrastructure projects funded by a trust fund set up for the Crow Creek Tribe within the Department of the Treasury. The trust fund would be capitalized within 1 to 2 years from a percentage of hydropower revenues and would be capped at $27.5 million. The tribe would then receive the interest from the fund and use it for economic development purposes according to a plan prepared in conjunction with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service.

It is instructive to review the long historic journey that has brought us to this point. The Flood Control Act of 1944 created five massive earthen dams on the Missouri River. This public works project, known as the Pick-Sloan Plan, provides the region with flood control, irrigation and hydropower. Four of the Pick-Sloan dams are located in South Dakota.

The impact of the Pick-Sloan plan on the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe has been devastating. The Big Bend and Fort Randall dams created losses to the Crow Creek Tribe for which they have not been adequately compensated. Over 15,000 acres of the tribe's most fertile and productive land, the Missouri River wooded bottomlands, were inundated as a result of the Fort Randall and Big Bend components of the Pick-Sloan project.

By and through the Big Bend Act of 1962, Congress directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Interior to take certain actions to alleviate the problems caused by the dislocation of communities and inundation of tribal resources. These directives were either carried out inadequately or not carried out at all.

Congress established precedent for H.R. 2512 in 1992 with the passage of the Three Affiliated Tribes and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act, which I cosponsored. At that time, Congress determined that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had failed to provide adequate compensation to the tribes when their land was acquired for the Pick-Sloan projects. There is little question that the tribes bore an inordinate share of the cost of implementing the Pick-Sloan program. The Secretary of the Interior established the Joint Tribal Advisory Committee to resolve the inequities and find ways to finance the compensation of tribal claims. As a result, the Three Affiliated Tribes and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act set up a recovery fund financed entirely from a percentage of Pick-Sloan power revenues.

The Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Infrastructure Development Fund Act of 1995 is the next step in honoring commitments made when the Pick-Sloan dams were constructed in a fiscally sound manner while giving local entites the latitude to determine their own development priorities. This legislation not only benefits the tribe, but the entire State of South Dakota, since a sound infrastructure is essential to regional economic development.

This legislation has broad support in South Dakota. Gov. Bill Janklow strongly endorses this proposal to develop the infrastructure at the Crow Creek Indian reservation.

Mr. President, the impact of the Pick-Sloan projects have been devastating to other Missouri River tribes as well. I look forward to working with the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe to address their claims.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be deemed read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to the bill appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2512) was deemed read a third time and passed.

UTAH SCHOOLS AND LANDS IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 558, H.R. 2464.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2464) to amend Public Law 103–93 to provide additional land within the State of Utah for the Indian reservation and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to rise in support of H.R. 2464, a bill to amend Public Law 103–93 to add certain State and Federal lands to the Goshute Indian Reservation in Utah.

Public Law 103–93 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire about 200,000 acres of Utah school trust land located within the boundaries of national parks, forests, and Indian reservations in Utah. In exchange, the school trust will receive other Federal land and mineral rights of equal value.

H.R. 2464 amends the 1993 act to make an additional 7,000 acres of State land eligible for exchange for Federal lands or interests of equal value and their addition in trust to the Goshute Reservation. The bill also provides for about 1,280 acres of Federal land and mineral interests to be added to the reservation.

The addition of these lands to the Goshute Reservation will provide a more clearly defined and manageable reservation boundary. This will greatly improve the tribe's ability to deal with poaching, trespassing, and other problems along the reservation boundary.

Enactment of the legislation will also further assist the State of Utah and the Federal Government in consolidating their respective landholdings and thus contribute to more effective, environmentally responsible land management.

The Committee on Indian Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 2464 in July of this year. Hearing testimony established that the bill is without controversy and clearly in the beneficial interest of the Goshute Tribe, the State of Utah, and the United States. The Congressional Budget Office subsequently reported that enactment of the bill would have no significant impact on the Federal budget, nor would it affect direct spending or receipts.

I commend Utah's Senators ORRIN HATCH and ROBERT BENNETT for their cooperative efforts with the tribe, the State, and the administration that led to development of H.R. 2464 and its Senate counterpart, S. 1766.

Mr. President, H.R. 2464 is meritorious legislation, and I urge its passage by the Senate.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am delighted the Senate has scheduled consideration of H.R. 2464.

This legislation amends the Utah Schools and Lands Improvement Act of 1993 (Public Law 103–93) which provides a vehicle by which school trust lands located within Federal reservations in Utah—such as national parks, national forests, wilderness, and Indian reservations—could be exchanged for lands located elsewhere in Utah.

The act helps to ensure that Utah's schools receive the full and intended benefit of the trust lands by resolving Federal and State land management problems resulting from interspersed land ownership within Utah.

H.R. 2464 would amend the 1993 act to provide for the exchange of approximately 8,000 acres of additional State land, located within the Goshute Reservation boundaries, for Federal lands, or interests, of equal value.

The Goshute Tribe's reservation is located in a remote valley southwest of the Great Salt Lake and astride the border between Utah and Nevada with approximately half of the reservation within each State.

This bill will resolve a long standing problem associated with the southern

boundary of the tribe's reservation. When Congress initially considered Public Law 103–93, the Goshute Tribe requested a resolution of the irregular configuration on the reservation's southern boundary. The irregular configuration and remote location of about 8,000 acres of land along that boundary make proper land management virtually impossible. In fact, the State of Utah, the Bureau of Land Management and the tribe have been unable to prevent trespassing and poaching in this area.

This measure will improve the tribe's ability to manage and preserve that land.

H.R. 2464 was introduced in the House by my good friend Congressman JIM HANSEN of Utah, and has wide support from many diverse groups including the Bureau of Land Management, the State of Utah, the Goshute Tribe, Juab County, and the Utah Wilderness Coalition.

This legislation is very important to the people of Utah—to our school system—and to the tribal members of the Goshute Tribe.

I urge my colleagues in the Senate to support its passage.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I would like to ask my friend, the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, if he would engage in a colloquy with me and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the chairman of the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, on the bill H.R. 2464?

Mr. MCCAIN. I will be pleased to have a colloquy with the Senator from Alaska and the Senator from Idaho.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I thank the Senator. As he knows, H.R. 2464 amends the Utah Schools and Lands Improvement Act of 1993, an Act which, in the 103rd Congress, was considered exclusively by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

I was therefore surprised to learn that on May 15th of this year the Parliamentarian referred H.R. 2464 to the Committee on Indian Affairs. I was further surprised to learn that on the very next day, May 16th, the Parliamentarian referred an identical Senate bill, S. 1766, introduced by our colleague, Senator BENNETT, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, which then referred it to Senator CRAIG's Subcommittee.

So I ask my friend, the Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, whether he would agree with me and Senator CRAIG that it would have been appropriate for the Parliamentarian to refer H.R. 2464 to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources?

Mr. MCCAIN. I agree with the Senators from Alaska and Idaho that referral of H.R. 2464 to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources would have been appropriate. The rules of the Senate are clear that issues pertaining to the management of the public lands are within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

I note, however, that both the 1993 Act and H.R. 2464 include provisions that deal with the issue of adding land in trust to Indian reservations in Utah. Would the Chairman of the Energy Committee agree with me that, with respect to this issue, referral of the legislation to the Committee on Indian Affairs is appropriate?

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I agree with the Senator from Arizona.

Mr. MCCAIN. I thank the Senator. As he knows, the Committee on Indian Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 2464. The Committee found that the authority the bill would provide for addressing reservation boundary-related problems is appropriate and necessary and very important to the Goshute Indian Tribe. The Committee supports this meritorious and noncontroversial legislation.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I thank the Senator from Arizona for his statement.

Mr. CRAIG. I am pleased to add that we have looked at the hearing record and the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on H.R. 2464. The Subcommittee has reviewed the bill, and I am confident that had we had more time this session, we would have reported it favorably. We have no problems with the bill as reported by the Committee on Indian Affairs.

I see no reason for further consideration of the legislation by the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Lands or the Full Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I concur with the Senator from Idaho, and I thank the Senator from Arizona for his Committee's expeditious work on this legislation. I am pleased to join with him in urging that it be passed.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be deemed read for a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2464) was deemed read a third time and passed.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 1996

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate turn now to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 577, H.R. 3378.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3378) to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to extend the demonstration program for direct billing of Medicare, Medicaid, and other third-party payors.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 5392

(Purpose: To provide a substitute)

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, Senator MCCAIN has a substitute amendment at the desk. I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], for Mr. MCCAIN, proposes an amendment numbered 5392.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the ''Indian Health Care Improvement Technical Corrections Act of 1996''.

(b) REFERENCES.—Whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to or repeal of a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

SEC. 2. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN THE INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT.

(a) DEFINITION OF HEALTH PROFESSION.—Section 4(n) (25 U.S.C. 1603(n)) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''allopathic medicine,'' before ''family medicine''; and

(2) by striking ''and allied health professions'' and inserting ''an allied health profession, or any other health profession''.

(b) INDIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS.—Section 104(b) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1613a(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking the matter preceding clause (i) and inserting the following:

''(3)(A) The active duty service obligation under a written contract with the Secretary under section 338A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 2541) that an individual has entered into under that section shall, if that individual is a recipient of an Indian Health Scholarship, be met in full-time practice, by service—'';

(ii) by striking ''or'' at the end of clause (iii);

(iii) by striking the period at the end of clause (iv) and inserting ''; or''; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following new clause:

''(v) in an academic setting (including a program that receives funding under section 102, 112, or 114, or any other academic setting that the Secretary, acting through the Service, determines to be appropriate for the purposes of this clause) in which the major duties and responsibilities of the recipient are the recruitment and training of Indian health professionals in the discipline of that recipient in a manner consistent with the purpose of this title, as specified in section 101.'';

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respectively;

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

''(B) At the request of any individual who has entered into a contract referred to in subparagraph (A) and who receives a degree in medicine (including osteopathic or allopathic medicine), dentistry, optometry, podiatry, or pharmacy, the Secretary shall defer the active duty service obligation of that individual under that contract, in order that such individual may complete any internship, residency, or other advanced clinical training that is required for the practice

of that health profession, for an appropriate period (in years, as determined by the Secretary), subject to the following conditions:

''(i) No period of internship, residency, or other advanced clinical training shall be counted as satisfying any period of obligated service that is required under this section.

''(ii) The active duty service obligation of that individual shall commence not later than 90 days after the completion of that advanced clinical training (or by a date specified by the Secretary).

''(iii) The active duty service obligation will be served in the health profession of that individual, in a manner consistent with clauses (i) through (v) of subparagraph (A).'';

(D) in subparagraph (C), as so redesignated, by striking ''prescribed under section 338C of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254m) by service in a program specified in subparagraph (A)'' and inserting ''described in subparagraph (A) by service in a program specified in that subparagraph''; and

(E) in subparagraph (D), as so redesignated—

(i) by striking ''Subject to subparagraph (B),'' and inserting ''Subject to subparagraph (C),''; and

(ii) by striking ''prescribed under section 338C of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254m)'' and inserting ''described in subparagraph (A)'';

(2) in paragraph (4)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking the matter preceding clause (i) and inserting the following:

''(B) the period of obligated service described in paragraph (3)(A) shall be equal to the greater of—''; and

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking ''(42 U.S.C. 254m(g)(1)(B))'' and inserting ''(42 U.S.C. 254l(g)(1)(B))''; and

(3) in paragraph (5), by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

''(C) Upon the death of an individual who receives an Indian Health Scholarship, any obligation of that individual for service or payment that relates to that scholarship shall be canceled.

''(D) The Secretary shall provide for the partial or total waiver or suspension of any obligation of service or payment of a recipient of an Indian Health Scholarship if the Secretary determines that—

''(i) it is not possible for the recipient to meet that obligation or make that payment;

''(ii) requiring that recipient to meet that obligation or make that payment would result in extreme hardship to the recipient; or

''(iii) the enforcement of the requirement to meet the obligation or make the payment would be unconscionable.

''(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any case of extreme hardship or for other good cause shown, the Secretary may waive, in whole or in part, the right of the United States to recover funds made available under this section.

''(F) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with respect to a recipient of an Indian Health Scholarship, no obligation for payment may be released by a discharge in bankruptcy under title 11, United States Code, unless that discharge is granted after the expiration of the 5-year period beginning on the initial date on which that payment is due, and only if the bankruptcy court finds that the nondischarge of the obligation would be unconscionable.''.

(c) CALIFORNIA CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section 211(g) (25 U.S.C. 1621j(g)) is amended by striking ''1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997'' and inserting ''1996 through 2000''.

(d) EXTENSION OF CERTAIN DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section 405(c)(2) (25 U.S.C. 1645(c)(2)) is amended by striking ''September 30, 1996'' and inserting ''September 30, 1998''.

(e) GALLUP ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER.—Section 706(d) (25 U.S.C. 1665e(d)) is amended to read as follows:

''(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated, for each of fiscal years 1996 through 2000, such sums as may be necessary to carry out subsection (b).''.

(f) SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR EDUCATION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section 711(h) (25 U.S.C. 1665j(h)) is amended by striking ''1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997'' and inserting ''1996 through 2000''.

(g) HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section 821(i) (25 U.S.C. 1680k(i)) is amended by striking ''1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997'' and inserting ''1996 through 2000''.

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I rise today in support of H.R. 3378, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to extend the authorization of the Indian health demonstration program for direct billing of Medicare, Medicaid and other third party payors. I am pleased to support the House-passed provisions of H.R. 3378 and to offer a substitute amendment that will make additional technical corrections to the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and reauthorize additional Indian health demonstration programs.

Mr. President, approximately 20 years ago, the Congress enacted the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to meet the fundamental trust obligation of the United States to ensure that comprehensive health care would be provided to American Indians and Alaska Natives. Despite advances achieved through the implementation of the act, the health status of Indian people remains far below that of the national population.

The Indian Health Service, as the lead agency responsible for administering programs under the act, has identified several areas where the act requires modification to fulfill its intended purpose. The substitute amendment I have proposed incorporates those amendments to the act to allow maximum flexibility in the delivery of health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

First, the substitute amendment clarifies certain provisions in order to allow greater flexibility to the IHS in administering IHS scholarships and programs. The amendment modifies the definition of Health Profession in section 4(n) to include ''allopathic medicine'' in order to provide more flexibility to the IHS in awarding scholarship assistance to individuals enrolled in health degree professions. Prior to the 1992 amendments, individuals studying disciplines such as allopathic medicine were eligible to receive IHS assistance. Because the 1992 amendments omitted this reference, many individuals were denied eligibility for scholarship assistance. This amendment restores their eligibility for scholarship funds and fulfills the Act's intent.

Next, the amendment also clarifies certain provisions under section 104(b), the Indian Health Professions Scholarship, to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to waive or defer service or payment obligations of Indian health professionals under specified circumstances. Many requirements for a degree in the health professions include an internship, residency, or other advanced clinical program. The substitute amendment would clarify the authority of the Secretary to defer a scholarship recipient's service or repayment obligation until the recipient has completed his or her education program.

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act also authorizes several innovative demonstration projects to increase and improve services to Indian communities and to serve as models to be replicated on other reservations. The substitute amendment includes the extension for the Indian Health Medicare/Medicaid Program, as provided for in H.R. 3378, and reauthorizes several additional programs through the year 2000. Several of these demonstration projects, including the California Contract Health Services Demonstration Program, the Gallup Alcohol and Substance Abuse Demonstration Program, the Substance Abuse Counselor Education Demonstration Program and the Home and Community Based Care Demonstration Program, are due to sunset in this fiscal year.

The California Contract Health Services Demonstration Program authorizes the California Rural Indian Health Board to act as a contract care intermediary to improve the accessibility of health services to California Indians. The program has successfully enabled tribal programs to provide in-patient services and prevent high-cost cases from devastating many small tribal health programs in California. It is estimated that 41 percent of the California tribes participate in this program.

The Home and Community Based Care Demonstration Program authorizes Indian tribes to enter into contracts to establish demonstration projects for the delivery of home and community based services to functionally-disabled Indians. The Substance Abuse Counselor Education Demonstration Project authorizes the IHS to enter into contracts with, or make grants to, colleges, universities and tribally-controlled community colleges to develop educational curricula for substance abuse counseling.

The Gallup Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment Program has funded residential treatment for alcohol and substance abuse at the Navajo Adult Rehabilitation Demonstration Project. The grant program has also funded a protective custody program for alcohol abuse offenders at the Gallup Crisis Center. These programs are unique to the Navajo Nation area and provide valuable services as a community-based outpatient program.

Finally, the substitute amendment includes the House-passed language to

extend the authorization for the Medicare/Medicaid Demonstration Program. This program allows four tribal health contract operators to directly bill and collect Medicare/Medicaid payments rather than operate through the current system of channeling payments through the IHS. The four participating Indian tribes include Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation of Alaska, Choctaw Tribe of Oklahoma and South East Alaska Regional Health Consortium. The Medicare/Medicaid Demonstration Program has been a highly successful program for the participating tribes and the IHS, who have reported significantly increased collections for Medicare/Medicaid services and greater efficiency in the billing/payments process.

In an interim report on this program, Secretary Shalala of the Department of Health and Human Services describes the remarkable increase in Medicare and Medicaid collections by tribal health providers achieved through this program. For example, through the demonstration program, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has doubled its Medicare and Medicaid collections, which has led to further improvements to the overall quality of health care provided to its members. The Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation of Alaska has been able to expand its health care, disease prevention and health education services to an additional 32 villages in Alaska. The Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation reported a 600 percent increase in Medicaid collections during the first 2 years of the pilot project. This funding increase has allowed the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation to upgrade its health care facilities and achieve ''Accreditation with Commendation'' from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Unless this program is reauthorized, these tribal health facilities will be forced to return to the IHS-managed collection system and forego much of the progress that has been achieved. Based on the record of success of this program, I am pleased that my colleagues support the extension of this program for 2 years.

Mr. President, the changes I am proposing in this substitute amendment will bring us closer to meeting the goals of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to raise the health status of Indian people and to ensure the continuation of several important Indian health care programs. The changes I have proposed in the substitute amendment have been cleared by the respective Committees of jurisdiction in the House of Representatives. I thank my colleagues for their support in passing this important legislation.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to, the bill be deemed read for a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 5392) was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 3378), as amended, was agreed to.

INDIAN REORGANIZATION ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate turn to immediate consideration of Calendar No. 573, H.R. 3068.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3068) to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. REVOCATION OF CHARTER OF INCORPORATION OF THE PRAIRIE ISLAND INDIAN COMMUNITY UNDER THE INDIAN REORGANIZATION ACT.

(a) ACCEPTANCE OF REQUEST TO REVOKE CHARTER.—The request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to surrender the charter of incorporation issued to that community on July 23, 1937, pursuant to section 17 of the Act of June 18, 1934, commonly known as the ''Indian Reorganization Act'' (48 Stat. 988, chapter 576; 25 U.S.C. 477) is hereby accepted.

(b) REVOCATION OF CHARTER.—The charter of incorporation referred to in subsection (a) is hereby revoked.

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO THE JICARILLA APACHE TRIBE WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT.

Section 8(e)(3) The Jicarilla Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act (106 Stat. 2241) is amended by striking ''December 31, 1996'' and inserting ''December 31, 1998''.

SEC. 3. AMENDMENT TO THE SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT OF 1992.

Section 3711(b)(1) of the San Carlos Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 4752) is amended by striking ''December 31, 1996'' and inserting ''June 30, 1997''.

Mr. McCAIN. Mr.President, I am pleased to rise in support of H.R. 3068 and to urge its passage by the Senate.

The primary purpose of this legislation is to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community of Minnesota to revoke the Federal charter of incorporation issued to the Community pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

The Prairie Island Indian Community is organized under a Constitution and Bylaws adopted by the Community in 1936 pursuant to section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (25 U.S.C. 476). Article V of the Prairie Island Constitution, which enumerates the powers of the Community's Council, includes a provision that allows the Council to manage economic affairs and enterprises in accordance with the terms of a charter which may be issued to the Community by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act. In 1937, the Secretary issued such a Federal charter to the Community.

For 60 years, the Prairie Island Community has relied upon the authorities of its Constitution and Bylaws for the operation of its government and for the operation of its business enterprises. Article V of the Constitution specifically provides authority for the Community to regulate the conduct of trade and the use and disposal of property on the reservation, as well as to charter subordinate organizations for economic purposes and to regulate the activities of such organizations.

The Community has come to view the 1937 charter, which hasn't been amended since it was issued, as outdated, cumbersome, and unnecessary to their efforts to operate successful business enterprises and become economically self-sufficient. Some charter provisions, such as one that precludes the Community from contracting for amounts in excess of $100 without approval by the Secretary of the Interior, are seen as particularly paternalistic and inappropriate for effective management of tribal resources. Accordingly, the Community has requested that the charter be revoked.

H.R. 3068 accepts the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community that its Federal charter of incorporation be revoked and declares the charter to be revoked. Legislation is needed because Amendment 10 of the charter states that the charter can be revoked only by an Act of Congress.

The Committee on Indian Affairs adopted an amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 3068 that retains the unamended text of H.R. 3068, as passed by the House of Representatives, and adds two new sections that extend the deadlines for completion of two Indian water rights settlements enacted by the Congress in 1992.

The first new section extends until December 31, 1998, the deadline for completion of all requirements necessary to effect the Jicarilla Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 1992. The availability to the Tribe of settlement funds and water from two Federal water projects in New Mexico is contingent upon dismissal of actions by the Tribe against the United States in Federal courts and a waiver of the Tribe's reserved water rights claims in general stream adjudications in state courts involving claims to the waters of the San Juan River and its tributaries and the Rio Chama and its tributaries. The 1992 Act requires partial final decrees agreed to by the United States, the Tribe, and the State of New Mexico to be entered into by December 31, 1996. However, this deadline cannot be met, due primarily to unforseen delays in the necessary state court proceedings to consider the settlement.

Accordingly, the Tribe, the State of New Mexico, and the Administration support an extension of the 1992 Act's deadline in order to preserve the benefits of the settlement to all parties.

The second new section extends until June 30, 1997, the deadline for completion of all requirements necessary to effect the San Carlos Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 1992. This extension is intended to provide the Tribe and the Phelps Dodge Corporation, and the Tribe and the city of Globe, Arizona, additional time to reach bilateral agreements that would be included as part of the overall Settlement Agreement that the Congress ratified in the 1992 Act. The relatively short time period is intended to ensure that the parties remain diligent in pursuing a final resolution of the issues between them. The Tribe, Phelps Dodge, Globe, and all other parties to the settlement, including the Administration, support this extension. The Committee recognizes that, in the event agreements are reached within the time provided by the amendment, an additional extension of time will be needed for the Arizona courts to consider the settlement in the context of the ongoing general stream adjudication of the waters of the Gila River basin.

Mr. President, by accepting the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community regarding its charter, H.R. 3068 demonstrates the Congress' respect for tribal self-government and tribal sovereignty. The amendments to the bill that provide extensions of time for completing two complex water settlements already approved and funded by Congress must be enacted if we are to preserve the benefits of those settlements for all parties involved, including the United States.

Mr. President, H.R. 3068 is extremely important legislation that is without controversy or opposition. The Congressional Budget Office reports that enactment of the bill will not effect direct spending nor create any pay-as-you-go problems. Accordingly, I strongly urge the Senate to pass H.R. 3068 and send it to the President.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the committee amendment be agreed to, the bill be deemed read for a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table and any statements relating to the bill be placed at an appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 3068), as amended, was deemed read for a third time and passed.

WITNESS RETALIATION, WITNESS TAMPERING AND JURY TAMPERING AMENDMENTS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar 430, H.R. 3120.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3120) to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be deemed read for a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to the bill appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3120) was deemed read for a third time and passed.

CRAWFORD NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY CONVEYANCE ACT

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Environment and Public Works Committee be discharged of H.R. 3287, and further that the Senate proceed now to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3287) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Crawford National Fish Hatchery to the city of Crawford, Nebraska.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be deemed read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3287) was deemed read for a third time and passed.

CARBON HILL NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY CONVEYANCE ACT

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar 462, H.R. 2982.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2982) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent the bill be deemed read for a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill appear at this point in the RECORD.

The bill (H.R. 2982) was deemed read for a third time and passed.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—H.R. 3539

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the order of the Senate on September 18, 1996, the Chair appoints the following conferees to H.R. 3539.

The Presiding Officer appointed Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. FORD conferees on the part of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1996

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 20; further, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day and the Senate immediately resume consideration of H.R. 1350, the pending legislation, the maritime bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the time between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. be equally divided in the usual form prior to a vote on the motion to table the Grassley amendment to occur at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, tomorrow morning at 10 a.m., the Senate will vote on or in relation to the Grassley amendment to the maritime bill. Other rollcall votes are possible on the remaining amendments to the maritime bill. It is hoped that a unanimous-consent agreement regarding the maritime bill can be reached tomorrow morning which would allow Members to know the voting schedule for the remainder of Friday's session. The Senate may also be asked to turn to consideration of any other items cleared for action.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment, in accordance with the previous order, following the remarks of Senator GRASSLEY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Iowa.

THE NEED FOR COHERENT DRUG POLICY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, for my colleagues who may have missed the information during the August break, or the news since, the latest household survey numbers on drug use are out. For anyone concerned about drug use in this country, those numbers tell a depressing story. The story is quite simply this: more kids are using more drugs. Put what gloss you want on the numbers, the depressing fact is, we are in the midst of a new drug crisis.

There are five major surveys of drug use in this country. These include the Drug Abuse Warning Network, or DAWN, which surveys hospital emergency room admission rates. The high school survey, which studies use among seniors and others in high school. The Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education, or PRIDE survey of high school substance abuse. The Drug Use Forecasting, or DUF, survey that tests for substance abuse among arrestees.

And the household survey, which samples over 17,000 households to look at drug use trends in the population age 12 and older. These surveys are our early warning network. And the alarm bells are ringing. The emergency lights are flashing. We need to heed the warning.

To understand the warning in its fullness, we need a little perspective. Today's growing problem does not occur in isolation. It is not the result of ignorance of the dangers of drug use.

The 1960's and 1970's taught us a bitter lesson about that. They taught us about the risks individuals and communities run in dealing, or failing to deal, with the drug problem. Since 1981, when we began to fight back seriously, we have spent $128 billion at the Federal level to combat illegal drug use. We have spent a like amount at the State and local levels. In addition, we have spent in the neighborhood of $1 trillion on the indirect costs of drug use and an additional $1 trillion, out of individual pockets, to buy illegal drugs.

This is only the fiscal summary. It does not begin to tote up the human toll. These numbers do not account for the tens of thousands of deaths or the millions of addicts. They do not make plain the toll of drug-addicted babies. Mere numbers do not convey the suffering, the loss of life, the damaged lives, the ruined prospects and shattered dreams that are all part of the legacy of this country's flirtation with dangerous drugs. In a generation, we went from a nation with no drug problem to a country in which one-fifth of the population has tried drugs and over 6 million people who are addicts.

There is not a single, major social pathology today that is not in some way linked to drugs. From family violence to drive-by shootings, from drug-addicted babies to devastated inner-city neighborhoods, the legacy of drugs is written in bold print across the face of this country.

We got ourselves into this mess because we allowed our cultural elite and others to persuade us, against our understanding, that drugs were really OK. That using drugs was merely a form of personal expression that did not hurt anyone, not even the user.

We bought into that idea and lived it through the 1960's and 1970's. We came dangerously close to legalizing drug use. And we delegitimized the notion of enforcing our laws against drug use. We are living with the consequences. Today's billions spent on the war on drugs are a direct result of the choices that we made yesterday. Our drug problem was no accident. Movies and music glorified drugs. Politicians publicly questioned the usefulness of preventing individual drug use.

Our cultural elite talked of legalization. In virtually all our means for communicating what we think is proper and appropriate, we sent the signal that drugs were OK. And who were we talking to? Who was listening? who got the message? It was our kids. And it was our kids who ended up as the principal casualties of this so-called enlightened policy. What were we thinking?

In the 1980's, however, we realized our mistake. We began to fight back. It was not that we just spent money on the problem. Parents and communities, schools and businesses, civic and political leaders came together to stop the nonsense. They formed coalitions, lobbied their public officials, and organized public and private efforts to fight back, to save the kids. And it was working. Between 1985 and 1992 drug use in this country went down. More important, attitudes among kids about drugs improved.

More and more kids came to see drugs as dangerous. More kids stayed away from using. That was no accident. Everywhere they looked the message they got was the drugs were bad. The message was, just say no. And they listened.

That did not mean that our difficulties were past. We still had a large addict population that was using more and more. We had enriched powerful drug organizations that had extensive networks for drug smuggling and money laundering.

We still had to deal with a lingering notion that somehow, despite the evidence before our eyes, drugs were OK. Nevertheless, we were on the right track. In recent years, however, we have gone off the rails. In some areas, we have been pulling up the tracks and shooting the engineers and conductors.

This is what the most recent household survey makes clear. It shows that marijuana use among young people is up over 100 percent since 1992.

It went up 37 percent last year alone. Overall drug use has risen 78 percent since 1992, 33 percent last year. Fully 10.9 percent of young people aged 12 to 17 reported using marijuana monthly last year. That is up from 8.2 percent the year before. At this rate, we will have lost all the ground that we won in the late 1980's and early 1990's. And the people who are at risk, once again, are kids and teenagers and young adults. If this trend continues, and it is showing no signs of changing under present policies, in the next few years we will have wiped out all the gains made in the 1980's.

Now, if you do not believe that legalization is a rational policy, then you cannot welcome the recent news. And if you do not think 10, 11, and 12 year olds ought to be making their own decisions about using heroin or cocaine, then you have to conclude that the present trend is a disaster in the making. As I suggested earlier, the warning lights are flashing.

When the oil light goes on in your car, it is time to check the engine. If you decide to ignore the light you risk making an expensive mistake.

Well, the Nation's warning light is on. And what do you find when you open the hood and check on the reasons? As it turns out, we've been trying to run our programs without the right stuff.

Despite what some of my colleagues have argued on this floor, this administration simply has not taken the drug issue seriously. Not from day one, and not, so far as I can see, yet. In fact, its policy, where one can be disconcerned, has downplayed the issue and distanced the President from any involvement.

Now, having said this, I know that one of my colleagues is likely to be down here any minute accusing me of playing politics. That seems to be the administration's line any time someone criticizes them. Indeed, Secretary Shalala and the Attorney General have been going around saying this. They have blamed Congress for lack of funding. They have pointed to increases of drug use in Europe. They have also taken to blaming the Bush administration for the present problem. When they do that, reaching back 4 years to try to blame someone else, that is not playing politics, of course.

That is not dodging. That's not blowing smoke. That is what passes for policy in this administration. But serious policy is more than artful dodging.

Let me remind you, that this administration came into office saying that the Bush administration had not fought a real drug war—that claim was made despite the fact of steady declines in teen use. The present occupant of the White House promised to do better. At the least, then, we should expect to see the trend of teen use continuing to decline.

We should expect that teenage attitudes about drug use would remain negative. But that is not the case. In fact, it is exactly the reverse. And it was not the Bush administration that presided over these recent increases. It

was not past policies that created the present crisis. The administration's own numbers make this clear. All you have to do is look at those numbers. But, in keeping with this administration's whole program, the response is deny, deny, deny.

I am sure most parents have had the experience in dealing with their kids that when the crockery gets broken, it was some mysterious villain that did the deed. Just ask the child. ''I didn't do it.'' Or, ''George did it.'' Or, ''I don't know how it happened.'' These excuses are what one expects. From children. As adults, however, we are supposed to know better. But, even as the numbers grow worse, the administration is still hoping to pin the blame on someone, anyone else. But, in the end, it is their policies, it is their programs, it is their attitudes that have shaped how we have dealt with the drug issue in the past 4 years.

And, the fact remains, after years of decline, drug use among kids is getting worse by the minute, and this administration cannot think of anything more constructive to do than pass the blame.

All of this is a matter of record. I and others here and across the country have documented this story. Even the President's drug czar now acknowledges that we are in the midst of a crisis of new drug use. In one of his most recent press releases outlining the problem, however, he wants us to develop amnesia about how we got into this mess.

He wants us to look only at what we must do about it. I understand why he may want us to overlook the recent past. But no serious effort to get our programs back on track can hope to succeed if we do not grasp why it is we are having the problem. This is not playing politics, this is talking about policy. It is talking seriously about responsibility.

We are in this mess because of choices that were made about what to do. We are talking about conscious decisions deliberately made.

But it is now clear, that those decisions were, are a mistake. Our present policies are simply not up to the task. Benign neglect, indifference, and just say maybe are not good policy choices. We have the evidence of what happens when they are, however, our policy

Clearly, by all the warning systems that we have developed to give us feed back, those choices have failed. The extent of that failure is shocking. If we are to change this, we must start doing something different, we must do it better, and we must do it now. To repeat the mistakes of the 1960's and 1970's would be a shameful retreat from responsibility.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. STEVENS). Under the previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., Friday, September 20, 1996.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10:04 p.m., adjourned until Friday, September 20, 1996, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 19, 1996:

U.S. INSTITUTE OF PEACE

JOSEPH LANE KIRKLAND, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 1997, VICE ALLEN WEINSTEIN, TERM EXPIRED.

JOSEPH LANE KIRKLAND, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2001. (REAPPOINTMENT)

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED, AND ALSO FOR THE OTHER APPOINTMENTS INDICATED HEREWITH:

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS ONE, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LARRY CORBETT, OF NEVADA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS TWO, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

HANS J. AMRHEIN, OF VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PHYLLIS MARIE POWERS, OF TEXAS
MICHAEL S. TULLEY, OF CALIFORNIA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

KIMBERLY J. DELANEY, OF VIRGINIA
EDITH FAYSSOUX JONES HUMPHREYS, OF NORTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JEMILE L. BERTOT, OF CONNECTICUT

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ALFRED B. ANZALDUA, OF CALIFORNIA
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DONALD ARMIN BLOME, OF ILLINOIS
P.P. DECLAN BYRNE, OF WASHINGTON
LAUREN W. CATIPON, OF NEW JERSEY
JAMES PATRICK DEHART, OF MICHIGAN
JOSEPH DEMARIA, OF NEW JERSEY
MICHAEL RALPH DETAR, OF NEW YORK
RODGER JAN DEUERLEIN, OF CALIFORNIA
STEPHEN A. DRUZAK, OF WASHINGTON
MARY EILEEN EARL, OF VIRGINIA
LINDA LAURENTS EICHBLATT, OF TEXAS
JESSICA ELLIS, OF WASHINGTON
STEPHANIE JANE FOSSAN, OF VIRGINIA
CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HEGADORN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
HARRY R. KAMIAN, OF CALIFORNIA
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WILLIAM SCOTT LAIDLAW, OF WASHINGTON
KAYE-ANNE LEE, OF WASHINGTON
BRIAN LIEKE, OF TEXAS
BERNARD EDWARD LINK, OF DELAWARE
LEE MACTAGGART, OF WASHINGTON
RICHARD T. REITER, OF CALIFORNIA
KAI RYSSDAL, OF VIRGINIA
NORMAN THATHCER SCHARPF, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
JENNIFER LEIGH SCHOOLS, OF TEXAS
JUSTIN H. SIBERELL, OF CALIFORNIA
ANTHONY SYRETT, OF WASHINGTON
HERBERT S. TRAUB III, OF FLORIDA
ARNOLDO VELA, OF TEXAS
J. RICHARD WALSH, OF ALABAMA
DAVID K. YOUNG, OF FLORIDA
DARCY FYOCK ZOTTER, OF VERMONT

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO BE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND/OR SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS INDICATED:

CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEREK A. BOWER, OF VIRGINIA
STEVEN P. CHISHOLM, OF VIRGINIA
HENRY J. HEIM JR., OF VIRGINIA
HOLLY ANN HERMAN, OF VIRGINIA
E. KEITH KIRKHAM, OF MAINE
MARY PAT MOYNIHAN, OF VIRGINIA
JOHN W. RATKIEWICZ, OF NEW JERSEY

SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

WILLIAM B. CLATANOFF, JR., OF VIRGINIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 18, 1992:

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

ELIZABETH B. BOLLMANN, OF MISSOURI
MARSHA D. VON DUERCKHEIM, OF CALIFORNIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PREVIOUSLY PROMOTED IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED ON OCTOBER 18, 1992, NOW TO BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 1991:

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

JOAN ELLEN CORBETT, OF VIRGINIA
JUDITH RODES JOHNSON, OF TEXAS
MARY ELIZABETH SWOPE, OF VIRGINIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PREVIOUSLY PROMOTED IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED ON OCTOBER 18, 1992, NOW TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 6, 1991:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

SYLVIA G. STANFIELD, OF TEXAS

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PREVIOUSLY PROMOTED INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED ON NOVEMBER 6, 1988, NOW EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 12, 1986:

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

JOAN ELLEN CORBETT, OF VIRGINIA
JUDITH RODES JOHNSON, OF TEXAS
MARY ELIZABETH SWOPE, OF VIRGINIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PREVIOUSLY PROMOTED IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED ON NOVEMBER 6, 1988, NOW EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 1988:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

SYLVIA G. STANFIELD, OF TEXAS

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PREVIOUSLY PROMOTED INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED ON APRIL 7, 1991, NOW EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 19, 1989:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

VIRGINIA CARSON YOUNG, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PREVIOUSLY PROMOTED INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED ON OCTOBER 6, 1991, NOW EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 1991:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

JUDITH M. HEIMANN, OF CONNECTICUT

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PREVIOUSLY PROMOTED INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED ON OCTOBER 18, 1992, NOW EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 1991:

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

JUDYT LANDSTEIN MANDEL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MARY C. PENDLETON, OF VIRGINIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PREVIOUSLY PROMOTED INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED ON OCTOBER 18, 1992, NOW EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 6, 1991:

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELORS:

JEAN ANNE LOUIS, OF VIRGINIA
SHARON K. MERCURIO, OF CALIFORNIA
RUTH H. VAN HEUVEN, OF CONNECTICUT
ROBIN LANE WHITE, OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR PROMOTION TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR

FORCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1552 OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE. THE DATE OF PROMOTION IS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE:

LINE

To be colonel

WENDELL R. KELLER, 000–00–0000

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS, WHO WERE DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL, FOR APPOINTMENT AS SECOND LIEUTENANTS IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 531 OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE., WITH DATES OF RANK TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.

LINE

To be second lieutenant

SEAN P. ABELL, 000–00–0000
DANIEL G. AMEGIN, 000–00–0000
LANE H. BOYD, 000–00–0000
MICHAEL T. CLANCY, 000–00–0000
JOHN C. DAVIDSON, 000–00–0000
RUSSELL O. DAVIS, 000–00–0000
KEVIN S. DOWLING, 000–00–0000
MICHAEL K. EMBREE, 000–00–0000
KENNETH C. GRACE, 000–00–0000
VINCENT M. KREPPS, 000–00–0000
ROBERT C. LANDIS, JR., 000–00–0000
DIONNE L. PAYNE, 000–00–0000
JEFFREY D. ROBINSON, 000–00–0000
TIMOTHY D. SCARBOROUGH, 000–00–0000
JEFFREY S. SUTTON, 000–00–0000
BRIAN G. THOMAS, 000–00–0000
JOHNNIE A. VANCE, 000–00–0000
TIMOTHY T. WILDAY, 000–00–0000

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 12203 AND 8379, TITLE 10 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE. PROMOTIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 8379 AND CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE UNDER SECTION 12203 SHALL BEAR AN EFFECTIVE DATE ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8374, TITLE 10 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

LINE

To be lieutenant colonel

RANDALL R. BALL, 000–00–0000
JOSEPH G. BALSKUS, 000–00–0000
FRANKLIN E. CHALK, SR., 000–00–0000
JOHN C. DIEFFENDERFER, 000–00–0000
ROBERT C. EDWARDS, JR., 000–00–0000
LARRY R. KAUFFMAN, 000–00–0000
DANNY U. LEWIS, 000–00–0000
THADDEUS J. MARTIN, 000–00–0000
DONALD V. PADDOCK, 000–00–0000
WILLIAM M. PARSEL, 000–00–0000
JOHN J. SAMUHEL, 000–00–0000
DAVID B. SJOSTROM, 000–00–0000
MICHAEL A. ZINNO, 000–00–0000

MEDICAL CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

STEPHEN J. GRAHAM, 000–00–0000

DENTAL CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

LEFTER J. BAKLAS, 000–00–0000
DANIEL P. BARTLETT, 000–00–0000
DAVID B. GRUBLER, 000–00–0000

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 12203 AND 8379, TITLE 10 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE. PROMOTIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 8379 AND CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE UNDER SECTION 12203 SHALL BEAR AN EFFECTIVE DATE ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8374, TITLE 10 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

LINE

To be lieutenant colonel

JAMES E. BALL, 000–00–0000
RONALD D. BARTON, 000–00–0000
DANIEL L. BOONE, 000–00–0000
WILLIAM B. BURNEY, 000–00–0000
DANIEL G. COSHATT, 000–00–0000
MATTHEW J. DZIALO, 000–00–0000
DEONE G. GIEG, 000–00–0000
BRIAN D. GOMULA, 000–00–0000
MICHAEL J. GRIFFIN, 000–00–0000
WILLIAM S. HADAWAY, 000–00–0000
TIMOTHY B. HECK, 000–00–0000
ROGER L. HENRY, 000–00–0000
ROBERT A. HICKEY, 000–00–0000
MARK A. LYNN, 000–00–0000
JEFF A. MANOR, 000–00–0000
GREGORY L. MARSTON, 000–00–0000
NORMAN W. MILLER, 000–00–0000
HARRY D. MONTGOMERY, 000–00–0000
COLIS NEWBLE, JR., 000–00–0000
NICHOLAOS G. PEROULAKIS, 000–00–0000
HOWARD X. PLOUFFEE, 000–00–0000
RUSSELL A. RUSHE, 000–00–0000
KENNETH L. SMITH, 000–00–0000
WILLIAM A. SOBRERO, 000–00–0000
CLARK F. SPEICHER, 000–00–0000
DENNIS R. TAYLOR, 000–00–0000
SCOTT H. TURNER, 000–00–0000
CURTIS M. WHITAKER, 000–00–0000
JAMES H. YEAGLEY, 000–00–0000

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERALS DEPARTMENT

To be lieutenant colonel

DONALD L. SCHENSE, 000–00–0000
CHARLES A. WALDEN, 000–00–0000

BIO-MEDICAL SCIENCE CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

AHMED E. HOSSAM, 000–00–0000
THOMAS B. SPRATT II, 000–00–0000

MEDICAL CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

WILLIAM W. DODSON, 000–00–0000

NURSE CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

PHYLLIS M. CAMPBELL, 000–00–0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE SECTIONS 12203 AND 3385:

ARMY PROMOTION LIST

To be colonel

ERNEST R. ADKINS, 000–00–0000
JOHN G. ASAY, 000–00–0000
BARBARANETTE T. BOLDEN, 000–00–0000
RONALD I. BOTZ, 000–00–0000
MYRON K. BRUMAGHIM, 000–00–0000
CHARLES E. FLEMING, 000–00–0000
MICHAEL D. GILPIN, 000–00–0000
WALTER Y. KINOSHITA, 000–00–0000
GARY E. MATHEWSON, 000–00–0000
MARVING. METCALF, 000–00–0000
NORBERT L. MOHNEN, 000–00–0000
FRANCIS NELSON, 000–00–0000
DAVID G. POPHAM, 000–00–0000
LARRY B. SHELTON, 000–00–0000
ROGER R. TURCOTTE, 000–00–0000
WILLAIM H. WEIR, 000–00–0000
GARY W. WIDNER, 000–00–0000
SAMUEL A. WILKS, 000–00–0000

ARMY NURSE CORPS

To be colonel

HERMA J. TAYLOR, 000–00–0000

CHAPLAIN CORPS

To be colonel

LEROY J. DYER, 000–00–0000

MEDICAL CORPS

To be colonel

JAMES S. GREENE, 000–00–0000
CASEY ROGERS, 000–00–0000
JOHN C. STONER, 000–00–0000
ROBERT J. ZAHN, 000–00–0000

MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS

To be colonel

RAYMOND F. ROOT, 000–00–0000

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10, U.S.C. SECTIONS 12203 AND 3385:

ARMY PROMOTION LIST

To be lieutenant colonel

WILLIAM A. AYERS, JR., 000–00–0000
THOMAS D. CROWLEY, 000–00–0000
DENNIE L. DENSON, 000–00–0000
THADDEUS A. DMUCHOWSKI, 000–00–0000
WILLIAM F. ELROD, 000–00–0000
BRUCE W. FALCONE, 000–00–0000
ROBERT T. FORD III, 000–00–0000
JAMES D. HOGAN, 000–00–0000
GREGORY L. HOLLEY, 000–00–0000
GARY A. HUFF, 000–00–0000
JOHN R. JACKSON, 000–00–0000
MARK N. JONES, 000–00–0000
JOHN T. KOEHLER, 000–00–0000
WILLIAM R. MAY, 000–00–0000
GERALD D. MEANEY, 000–00–0000
ROBERT W. MITCHELL, 000–00–0000
RONALD O. MORROW, 000–00–0000
PATRICK A. MURPHY, 000–00–0000
JOSE A. ORTIZ, 000–00–0000
CLYDE L. OVERTON, JR., 000–00–0000
CARROLL ROHRICH, 000–00–0000
DELORAS J. RUSSO, 000–00–0000
TERRY W. SALTSMAN, 000–00–0000
LESLIE R. SHEETZ, 000–00–0000
CLIFTON A. SLADE, 000–00–0000
NATHAN D. SMITH, 000–00–0000
KEITH P. SULLIVAN, 000–00–0000
STANLEY M. STRICKLEN, 000–00–0000
DONALD P. WALKER, 000–00–0000
BRUCE A. WILHELM, 000–00–0000
THOMAS K. ZABASKY, 000–00–0000

ARMY NURSE CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

HALLAN L. KELLY, JR., 000–00–0000
EILEEN G. MC GONAGLE, 000–00–0000
MARJORIE C.L. PENEBACKER, 000–00–0000

DENTAL CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

JERRY P. BROMAN, 000–00–0000

THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

WILLIAM L. ENYART, JR., 000–00–0000
KEVIN M. HOWARD, 000–00–0000
RICHARD A. MORTON, 000–00–0000

MEDICAL CORPS

To be lieutentant colonel

MICHARL D. DRISCOLL, 000–00–0000
WENIFREDO A. LISONDRA, 000–00–0000
MICHAEL B. RATH, 000–00–0000
JAMES W. SMITH, 000–00–0000
CHRISTOPHER A. WHITE, 000–00–0000

MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS

To be lieutentant colonel

JEFFREY HART, 000–00–0000

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate September 19, 1996:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOHN A. GORDON, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C. SECTION 8036:

SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. CHARLES H. ROADMAN, II, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE, TO THE GRADE INDICATED, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 8374, 12201, 12204, AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

BRIG. GEN. DWIGHT M. KEALOHA, USAF (RETIRED), 000–00–0000, AIR NATIONAL GUARD.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A):

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM J. DONAHUE, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A):

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. NORMAND G. LEZY, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM P. HALLIN, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. GEORGE T. BABBITT, JR., 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 8374, 12201, AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. GERALD W. WRIGHT, 000–00–0000, AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S.

ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A) AND 3036.

CHIEF OF ENGINEERS

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOE N. BALLARD, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A).

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. FREDERICK E. VOLLRATH, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A):

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. EDWARD G. ANDERSON, III, 000–00–0000, U.S. ARMY.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A):

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. GEORGE A. CROCKER, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 3385, 3392, AND 12203(A):

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. FRANK A. CATALANO, JR., 000–00–0000.

To be brigadier general

COL. CLARENCE E. BAYLESS, JR., 000–00–0000.
COL. JOHN D. BRADBERRY, 000–00–0000.
COL. ROGER B. BURROWS, 000–00–0000.
COL. WILLIAM G. BUTTS, JR., 000–00–0000.
COL. DALTON E. DIAMOND, 000–00–0000.
COL. GEORGE T. GARRETT, 000–00–0000.
COL. LARRY E. GILMAN, 000–00–0000.
COL. JOHN R. GROVES, JR., 000–00–0000.
COL. HUGH J. HALL, 000–00–0000.
COL. ELMO C. HEAD, JR., 000–00–0000.
COL. WILLIE R. JOHNSON, 000–00–0000.
COL. STEPHEN D. KORENEK, 000–00–0000.
COL. BRUCE M. LAWLOR, 000–00–0000.
COL. PAUL M. MAJERICK, 000–00–0000.
COL. TIMOTHY E. NEEL, 000–00–0000.
COL. JEFF L. NEFF, 000–00–0000.
COL. ANTHONY L. OIEN, 000–00–0000.
COL. TERRY L. REED, 000–00–0000.
COL. MICHAEL H. TAYLOR, 000–00–0000.
COL. EDWIN H. WRIGHT, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS COMPETITIVE CATEGORY OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION IN THE REGULAR ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE GRADE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 611(A) AND 624(C):

To be brigadier general

COL. JOSEPH R. BARNES, 000–00–0000.
COL. MICHAEL J. MARCHAND, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 3385, 3392, AND 12203(A):

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. CARROLL D. CHILDERS, 000–00–0000.
BRIG. GEN. CECIL L. DORTEN, 000–00–0000.
BRIG. GEN. CLYDE A. HENNIES, 000–00–0000.
BRIG. GEN. WARREN L. FREEMAN, 000–00–0000.

To be brigadier general

COL. JOHN E. BARNETTE, 000–00–0000.
COL. ROBERTO BENAVIDES, JR., 000–00–0000.
COL. ERNEST D. BROCKMAN, JR., 000–00–0000.
COL. DANNY B. CALLAHAN, 000–00–0000.
COL. REGINALD A. CENTRACCHIO, 000–00–0000.
COL. TERRY J. DORENBUSH, 000–00–0000.
COL. THOMAS W. ERES, 000–00–0000.
COL. EDWARD A. FERGUSON, JR., 000–00–0000.
COL. GARY L. FRANCH, 000–00–0000.
COL. PETER J. GRAVETT, 000–00–0000.
COL. ROBERT L. HALVERSON, 000–00–0000.
COL. JOSEPH G. LABRIE, 000–00–0000.
COL. BENNETT C. LANDRENEAU, 000–00–0000.
COL. JOHN W. LIBBY, 000–00–0000.
COL. MARIANNE MATHEWSON-CHAPMAN, 000–00–0000.
COL. EDMOND B. NOLLEY, JR., 000–00–0000.
COL. JAMES F. REED, III, 000–00–0000.
COL. DARWIN H. SIMPSON, 000–00–0000.
COL. ALLEN E. TACKETT, 000–00–0000.
COL. MICHAEL R. VAN PATTEN, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 3036:

SURGEON GENERAL, U.S. ARMY

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. RONALD R. BLANCK, 000–00–0000.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 601, TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. ANTHONY C. ZINNI, 000–00–0000.

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION IN THE LINE IN THE NAVY OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 624:

UNRESTRICTED LINE OFFICER

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. DANIEL R. BOWLER, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. JOHN E. BOYINGTON, JR., 000–00–0000.
CAPT. JOHN T. BYRD, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. JOHN V. CHENEVEY, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. RONALD L. CHRISTENSON, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. ALBERT T. CHURCH, III, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. JOHN P. DAVIS, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. THOMAS J. ELLIOTT, JR., 000–00–0000.
CAPT. JOHN B. FOLEY, III, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. KEVIN P. GREEN, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. ALFRED G. HARMS, JR., 000–00–0000.
CAPT. JOHN M. JOHNSON, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. HERBERT C. KALER, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. TIMOTHY J. KEATING, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. GENE R. KENDALL, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. TIMOTHY W. LA FLEUR, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. ARTHUR N. LANGSTON, III, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. JAMES W. METZGER, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. DAVID P. POLATTY, III, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. RONALD A. ROUTE, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. STEVEN G. SMITH, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. THOMAS W. STEFFENS, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. RALPH E. SUGGS, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. PAUL F. SULLIVAN, 000–00–0000.

ENGINEERING DUTY OFFICER

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. ROLAND B. KNAPP, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. KATHLEEN K. PAIGE, 000–00–0000.

SPECIAL DUTY OFFICER (INTELLIGENCE)

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. PERRY M. RATLIFF, 000–00–0000.

SPECIAL DUTY OFFICER (FLEET SUPPORT)

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. JACQUELINE O. ALLISON, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION IN THE LINE IN THE NAVY OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 624:

UNRESTRICTED LINE OFFICER

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. HARRY M. HIGHFILL, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. RICHARD J. NAUGHTON, 000–00–0000.
CAPT. WILLIAM G. SUTTON, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF VICE ADMIRAL IN THE U.S. NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10 U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. WILLIAM J. HANCOCK, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF VICE ADMIRAL IN THE U.S. NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10 U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. WILLIAM J. FALLON, 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF VICE ADMIRAL IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10 UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. CONRAD C. LAUTENBACHER, JR., 000–00–0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR PROMOTION IN THE NAVAL RESERVE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 5912:

CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS OFFICER

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) THOMAS JOSEPH GROSS, 000–00–0000, U.S. NAVAL RESERVE.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR PROMOTION IN THE NAVY OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 624:

MEDICAL CORPS

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. BONNIE B. POTTER, 000–00–0000, U.S. NAVY.

IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING JEFFREY I. ROLLER, AND ENDING DAVID B. PORTER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 17, 1996.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING MICHAEL P. ALLISON, AND ENDING JOHN P. SMAIL, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 29, 1996.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING JOHN W. BAKER, AND ENDING LAURIE L. YANKOSKY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 29, 1996.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF EDGAR W. HATCHER, WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING MALCOLM N. JOSEPH, III, AND ENDING ETIENNE I. TORMOS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING JOHN W. AMSHOFF, JR., AND ENDING SALVATORE J. LOMBARDI, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING JOHNNY R. ALMOND, AND ENDING HERBERT R. ZUCKER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1996.

IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING *ANTHONY J. ABATI, AND ENDING 2425X, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 11, 1996.

ARMY NOMINATION OF DONALD G. HIGGINS, WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF JULY 17, 1996.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING ROBERT M. CARROTHERS, AND ENDING JEFFREY T. WELLER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 19, 1996.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING JAMES R. BARR, AND ENDING MICHAEL D. MOSER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 19, 1996.

ARMY NOMINATION OF COL. GEORGE B. FORSYTHE, WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF GEORGE W. SIMMONS, WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF MAY 22, 1996.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING ROBERT E. CARNEY, AND ENDING WILLIAM P. SCHULZ, JR, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 29, 1996.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING CRAIG T. BODDINGTON, AND ENDING FREDERICK B. WITESMAN, II, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 29, 1996.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING GARY J. COUCH, AND ENDING JOEL G. OGREN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING RALPH P. DORN, AND ENDING MICHAEL F. KENNY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF JOHN C. SUMNER, WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING MICHAEL G. ALEXANDER, AND ENDING JOYCE V. WOODS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING JAMES R. ADAMS, AND ENDING JOHN H. WILLIAMS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING TIMOTHY FOLEY, AND ENDING MICHAEL J. COLBURN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.

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NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING AARON C. FLANNERY, AND ENDING JAMES M. INGALLS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON DECEMBER 11, 1995.

NAVY NOMINATION OF JOHN L. WILSON, WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.

NAVY NOMINATION OF ERIC L. PAGENKOPH, WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING DANIEL C. ALDER, AND ENDING TERRANCE L. NICHOLLS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.

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NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING DAVID W. ANDERSON, AND ENDING JEROME J. SQUATRITO, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IT'S TIME TO DIVERSIFY THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. ROBERT G. TORRICELLI
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Speaker, as the 104th Congress comes to an end, it may be time to again address the issue of United Nations reform. Earlier this Congress the new Republican majority attempted to gut America's commitment to the United Nations under the guise of reforming that institution. Their attempt went too far, and it was wisely rejected by the Senate and by the Clinton administration. But the need to reform the United Nations is still as present today as it was last year. Indeed, in early 1993 President Clinton announced his own plans for U.N. reform.

As soon as it took office, the Clinton administration signaled that, for the first time, America would actively promote the restructuring of the United Nations Security Council to recognize the emerging power realities of the 21st century. It boldly advanced a plan and pressed for U.N. action by 1995. The administration's laudable goal was to make the Council look more like the rest of the world.

Today, the administration plan for Security Council restructuring is dead in the water, a victim of bureaucratic infighting and a diminution of the image of the United Nations in the eyes of many Americans. President Clinton deserves credit for moving the issue of Council restructuring to the front burner. His predecessors had stonewalled growing pressures for reform, hoping to continue indefinitely the cozy arrangements of 1945 that gave the five victorious powers of World War II permanent seats and a veto in the Council.

But a half-century later, those five countries no longer have the collective dominance to maintain world security on their own. The empires of Britain, France, and Soviet Russia have all dissolved. The U.S. share of world economic output has been halved, from 50 percent in 1945 to 26 percent today, though America remains a military giant. Only China has grown in relative standing, but it is still essentially a non-contributor to world peace and security.

The defeated Axis countries have rebounded in economic and political influence, and leading developing countries such as India, Egypt, Brazil, and Pakistan have become frequent contributors to U.N. peace operations. As we increasingly rely on a complex mix of peacekeeping forces, economic sanctions, and occasional military enforcement to maintain international security, it has become more and more important for the Security Council to include this next tier of states with significant military, economic, and political resources.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is time again to consider restructuring the Security Council.

Neither the United States nor the world at large needs to add more veto-wielding members to the Security Council. The Council does not need more countries that can gum up decisionmaking with a veto, or to impede American-led initiatives to protect our global allies. If anything, it needs fewer. And Americans have had enough experience with China's subtle linkage of its Security Council veto power to bilateral Sino-American relations to want to invite more countries to play that kind of game.

For their part, the developing countries have made it clear they will not allow veto power on the Council to be tilted even more heavily toward the Northern industrial countries. But the proposed solution of many—adding some large developing countries as permanent members with veto power—would make the Security Council virtually unworkable.

It would be preposterous to grant Nigeria—or India, Brazil, Pakistan, or even Germany or Japan—a veto over Council decisions. None of them has the power in the real world to take decisive action beyond their borders, or to prevent the major powers from taking such action. Moreover, each of these regional actors is distrusted by the smaller countries in its region.

But it is equally preposterous to simply assume that we can continue to control the United Nations with a small group of nations that reflect neither the current and future centers of global power, nor the reality of ethnic and religious diversity. The Clinton administration had the right idea: we need to make the Security Council look more like the rest of the world, and we need to do it sooner rather than later.

This could be accomplished by expanding the Council's regional representation.

One way of expanding the Council by region is by calculating which two or three states in each region make the most substantial contribution to U.N. peace operations, and for a seat for each region to rotate between those states. The criteria for making this calculation would include their U.N. financial contributions; the number of troops and other military assets they provide and precommit to U.N. peace operations; their participation in U.N. arms control treaties; and their adherence to recognized human rights standards.

An ancillary benefit of this reform plan is that it would broaden the representation of the world's major ethnic and religious groups in the Security Council. Currently, only the Christian faith is represented; China, whose population is predominantly Buddhist, is represented by an ideologically secular government. By opening up the Council to regional representation the important voices of the Jewish, Islamic, and Hindu community would also be heard during critical deliberations on international crises. While not a central element for the United Nations, religion has become a growing undercurrent to many of its challenges and conflicts. Perhaps, by indirectly providing a voice for diverse religious beliefs, the United Nations may be better able to resolve particularly difficult and longstanding conflicts.

Because Israel is not a member of a friendly regional bloc, I propose that Israel be given permanent status on the Security Council. Many Middle East countries are, in varying degrees, hostile to the State of Israel, and would thus not represent its interests in the Council to the degree an African, Asian, or Latin American nation might represents its neighbors. In an expanded Security Council with greater regional representation, Israel would only be protected by having a permanent voice in the Council's deliberations.

On its merits, this framework gives the Council the benefit of regular participation by ten major states at the price of only six new seats. It avoids new vetoes. And with one exception, it does not lock in by name states whose influence or contributions may decline in the future. And, perhaps most important, it stabilizes the Security Council by making it more reflective of the world's ethnic, religious, and economic realities.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that when the 105th Congress convenes, the issue of United Nations reform will be a top priority.

TRIBUTE TO THE VILLAGE OF SAG HARBOR ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Village of Sag Harbor, an historic seaside village on the South Fork of Long Island that is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year.

It is my great hope that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in honoring this bucolic maritime port with a heritage as long and rich as America's. Settled in 1707, Sag Harbor and its residents have borne witness to nearly every significant event in this Nation's history. Strategically situated on Long Island's South Fork, with an ideal harbor that was home to a fleet of whaling ships in the 1800's, this village has pioneered many developments and milestones that have made America great.

During its 3 centuries, this colonial-era village has been first among its peers in many ways. Our Nation's first President, George Washington, designated Sag Harbor as the first port of entry in New York State, because at the time this east end port was busier than even the New York City harbor. In 1803, Sag Harbor was the first New York village to establish a volunteer fire department and in 1859 it was first on Long Island with gas street lights.

On March 26, 1846, the State of New York approved the act of incorporation and the first meeting of the Incorporated Village of Sag Harbor was held on May 11. The original village board included Samuel A. Seely, Lemuel W. Reeves, and John Hildreth, who was elected president of the board of trustees.

From 1760 to 1850, during the height of the whaling industry, Sag Harbor was second only

to New York City as a whaling port. When whaling declined in the latter half of the 1800's, Sag Harbor rode the industrial revolution to become a manufacturing center. Industries such as the Bulova Watchcase Factory, E.W. Bliss Torpedo Co., Agwam Aircraft, and Gruman located in Sag Harbor.

Whenever America called its citizens to serve, Sag Harbor residents were always first to answer that call. In 1777, Sag Harbor was the scene of one of the Revolutionary War's pivotal battles, when colonial troops captured the British garrison stationed there, opened the blockaded port and provided the fledgling Republic with an important supply line. More than 300 fathers and sons answered the Union's call during the Civil War, a contribution to the national effort that was repeated in World Wars I and II through Operation Desert Storm.

Now this bustling maritime port, nestled within the rich farmland of the Hamptons, is a destination for thousands of tourists and summer residents who enjoy the beautiful beaches and local sites. Its harbor is still busy, the whaling ships replaced by pleasure boats. Its bustling main street is packed with shops and restaurants, galleries and historic buildings that attract visitors from throughout the Northeast. This charming seaside village has again adapted to the changing times, building a prosperous year-round tourism industry.

This Saturday, September 21, the Village of Sag Harbor will celebrate its 150th anniversary with its HistoricFest Weekend and parade. I'd like to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Sag Harbor and its residents on this special occasion. Congratulations.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE TOM BEVILL AND THE HONORABLE GLEN BROWDER

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 1996

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the gentleman from Alabama, Mr. GLEN BROWDER, for his service in the U.S. House of Representatives on behalf of Alabama's Third District residents.

Mr. BROWDER first entered the public arena in 1982, winning a seat to the Alabama House of Representatives. Four years later, he was elected secretary of state, where he succeeded in persuading the legislature to adopt stricter campaign finance disclosures.

In 1989, Mr. BROWDER won a special election contest for Congress, where he has honorably represented Alabama's Third District ever since.

While in Congress, Mr. BROWDER has been a bipartisan leader in the push for campaign finance reform. He deserves thanks for his leadership in attacking this and other difficult issues. Furthermore, he has been active on the House Budget Committee in attempting to eliminate wasteful Federal Government spending.

On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin's Ninth District, I thank Mr. GLEN BROWDER for his outstanding service to the United States.

TRIBUTE TO TED AND MARION SOBANSKI

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two outstanding individuals, Ted and Marion Sobanski who will be honored by the Polish Legion of American Veterans Heritage Committee on October 20, 1996.

By honoring them with the Outstanding Couple of the Year Award, the Polish Legion of American Veterans Heritage Committee is paying tribute to Ted and Marion for their many years of voluntary service and dedication to their community.

Ted and Marion have been happily married since March 1933. They have been blessed with five children, five grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and three step great grandchildren.

Ted worked at Liberty Banking Co. for over 40 years and has led many clubs and organizations, many of which he is still active in. He has been president of the Blue Star Dads Club and the South Side Business Mens Club. Ted is currently the president of the Polish National Alliance, Council No. 8 as well as the treasurer of Polish Fest, one of Milwaukee's large ethnic festivals.

Following her four sons entering into service, Marion joined the Blue Star Mothers of America. She held all offices in this national organization and in 1980 was elected president. Marion also volunteered for the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 28 years, where she was known by everyone as ''the sewing lady on the 9th Floor.'' She served as the president of the South Side Business Womens Club and was selected as the Polish American Woman of the Year in 1992.

The Polish Heritage Program which has made an excellent choice in honoring Ted and Marion has brought together many members of various organizations and community leaders to celebrate this occasion. Ted and Marion have shown exemplary commitment to their heritage and their community, and I am proud to have them as constituents of the Fourth Congressional District in Wisconsin.

Congratulations, Ted and Marion, this is an award that is truly well deserved.

HONORING THE LATINO PEACE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the Latino Peace Officer's Association [LPOA] for its many years of dedication to providing opportunities for Latino peace officers. On September 22, 1996, the membership of the LPOA will gather in Las Vegas for their annual conference.

Founded in 1972 by Vincente Calderon of the California Highway Patrol, and John Parraz of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, LPOA formed to develop a system to address inequality and injustices which affected Latino peace officers in law enforcement organizations. The objectives of the LPOA at its formation were: recruiting qualified Latino peace officers; mentoring Latino officers engaged in the probationary phase of employment; educating and training Latino officers through conferences and workshops; and encouraging Latino officers to participate in the promotional process of their respective law enforcement agencies. Today, the LPOA continues to strive to meet these objectives, and operates as a nonprofit organization.

The LPOA has had many accomplishments since its formation. The LPOA was instrumental in obtaining bilingual pay for officers in the California Highway Patrol. As a result of this action, other police agencies within the State of California implemented the same bilingual pay program. In 1977, members of the Santa Clara chapter were instrumental in requiring Santa Clara County to show good faith efforts in their hiring and promotional process. This set a precedent and a mandate for all law enforcement agencies to show good faith in hiring.

The LPOA has shown its dedication to public service and to the communities it serves. The organization is committed to maintaining appropriate contact with both the community and legislative forces which can promote issues specific to LPOA's objectives, and the Latino community. Deserving special recognition are the National Executive Board: Gary A. Dominguez, president; Daniel D. Hernandez, first vice president; Adrian Garcia, second vice president; Fred V. Sainz, treasurer; Patricia M. Mora, secretary; Lorenzo Provencio, parliamentarian; Andrew J. Cruz, historian; John A. Messina, Jr., general counsel; Dr. Armando J. Islas, legislative chairman; and State presidents; Lou Espindola, Arizona; Jose C. Miramontes, California; Bill Aguirre, Kansas/Missouri; Eliezer Gonzalez, Massachusetts; Felipe A. Ortiz, Nevada; David L. Guzman, New Mexico; Richard Rodriguez, Texas; and J. Luis Lopez, Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Latino Peace Officer's Association for its many years of dedication to the communities it serves.

DAVID HALLIWELL: AN OUTSTANDING CAREER IN SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a resident of my district, Mr. David Halliwell. Mr. Halliwell is retiring from his position as president of the Rehabilitation and Industrial Training Center of York. His service as president of this organization is the capstone of a career of public service that has spanned 33 years at the RITC. Few people can boast of such a lengthy and worthwhile career of helping others in need.

Mr. Halliwell's efforts have helped individuals with disabilities make the transition into the mainstream work force. The inclusion of all persons so that they can experience the benefits of association with their fellow citizens is an essential role that all communities must undertake. This is not a one-way street, however. Each and every person has something

to offer their community, and Mr. Halliwell has made it his calling to help those members of his community who might have the most difficulty in doing this to contribute to the fullest extent. His service to the citizens of York County has been unparalleled, and for this I commend him.

My constituents have had their lives enriched by Mr. Halliwell in many ways. In addition to his activities with individuals with disabilities, he has been a member of numerous community and public service organizations. He has served as a board member of many State and local associations, including the Pennsylvania Association of Sheltered Workshops, the Children's Growth and Development Clinic of York Hospital, the United Way of York County, and other community organizations.

Mr. Halliwell has led a long and illustrious career of helping others, especially those who are most in need. His commitment to this goal of inclusion and assimilation into the community of his community's retarded citizens has made York County a better place. I believe he has served as a role model, placing his reliance in doing what he believes is right to help others, rather than waiting for others to act. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and the rest of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Halliwell for the long career of public service he has given to York County. He is truly an outstanding citizen.

THANK YOU, GERRIE WOLVERTON

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who has been a leader not only in the field of health care but to other women and her community as well. On Wednesday, September 25, Gerrie Wolverton will be honored by the board of directors of Bay Health Systems. After 17 impressive years of service to Bay Health Systems and serving as corporate secretary to five Bay Health System boards, she will be retiring on September 30, 1996.

Gerrie Wolverton graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in business administration. Through the years she has risen steadily through the company from secretary to vice president of corporate services in Bay Health Systems.

Gerrie presently directs the activities of the marketing department, which she initiated in 1985. She developed the corporate publication, Newsline, which is read by over 43,000 households and has received numerous awards in the field of health care publications. In 1993, Gerrie received the Apollo Award for achievement in community publications from the Michigan Hospital Public Relations Association. Always one to take the initiative, Gerrie has been instrumental in the formation of the patient representative program, which handles patient satisfaction and the senior class program, providing support and educational programs for seniors.

Gerrie has always championed the cause of women in business. In 1994, she won the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Athena Award. Gerrie was nominated for the award for her involvement with the Bay County YWCA as well as her establishment of the marketing intern program with Saginaw Valley. The majority of the interns are women and true to form, Gerrie has acted as a mentor to several and model for all.

Over the years, Gerrie has been involved with numerous charitable associations including fundraising for the Annual Cancer Foundation, the United Way, and the Professional Women's Association. She also established partnerships for education, a program in which medical professionals visit students in their classrooms.

As if all of these accomplishments weren't enough, Gerrie also found time to marry H. James Wolverton and raise five children, and now she has a total of seven grandchildren. Her accomplishments and activities in business, charity, and family life could fill three lifetimes. She is a leader and trailblazer not only for women but for all of us. Gerrie Wolverton's involvement in Bay Health Systems and her community has touched and improved us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all of our colleagues to join me in congratulating Gerrie Wolverton as she celebrates her well-deserved retirement from Bay Health Services and best wishes for the new challenges ahead.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL CAMPBELL

HON. SAM BROWNBACK

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Michael Campbell, a shrink-wrap operator at Wichita Industries and Services for the Blind [WISB] in Pittsburg, KS. On Tuesday, October 8, 1996, Mr. Campbell will be honored at the Annual Training Conference of the General Council of Industries for the Blind and National Industries for the Blind, as the 1996 Peter J. Salmon National Blind Employee of the Year.

Mr. Campbell was diagnosed with diabetes when he was six and diabetic retinopathy when he was 18. However, a series of laser treatments temporarily preserved some of his vision. He worked at various jobs after graduating from high school but diabetes ended his hopes of entering the military. As his vision loss progressed, it became increasingly difficult for Mr. Campbell to make a living. Then, after he was told that laser treatments could no longer be continued, Mr. Campbell, his wife, and their two daughters moved to Pittsburg, KS, to be near family.

Over the next 10 years, Mr. Campbell was out of work and took classes at Pittsburg State University, hoping to earn a business degree. Again, complications from diabetes arose, this time in the form of an infection resulting in the amputation of one of his legs.

In 1993 he contacted a rehabilitation center and was told about employment opportunities at a new manufacturing plant, WISB, which was opening in Pittsburg. Mr. Campbell was one of the first people to interview for a position at WISB and is still one of WISB's most dedicated employees. In 1994 his other leg showed signs of infection. Rather than risk getting sick again, doctors decided he should have it removed, but Mr. Campbell continues to succeed with unquenchable determination and dignity. He has worked as a machine operator, a box erector, and now a shrink-wrap operator.

Thanks to WISB, Mr. Campbell is once again supporting his family. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Michael Campbell, the 1996 National Blind Employee of the Year, a hard working Kansan, and a distinguished American.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BULLHEAD CITY LITTLE LEAGUE JUNIOR LEAGUE ALL STARS

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I represent the champions of the Little League Baseball District Tournament and State Tournament, the Bullhead City Little League Junior League. This winning team went on to outshine teams in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming to take the District 4 title. The State of Arizona could not have more pride in these super achievers.

Congratulations to the All Stars: Jake Dittler, Shannon Fernandez, Ross Gilbert, Mike Ingram, Lance Laven, Matt Long, Tom Messina, Shane Pollock, Chris Rivituso, Jason Scott, Art Strauss, Tom Talayumptewa, Jeremy Thompson, and Robert Tyler. Their success was led by their team manager, Ray Dittler and their coaches, Tom Messina and Tony Rivituso.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate for 1996 Arizona District 9 Champions, Arizona State Champions, and District 4 Champions on their achievements this season, I wish them the best of luck as these fine young players advance to the Junior League World Series in Taylor, MI. The entire State of Arizona will be cheering you on to your next winning game.

CONGRATULATIONS ON 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA NATIONAL DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the 85th National Day of the Republic of China, I would like to convey my greetings and congratulations to President Lee Teng-hui and the people in Taiwan.

The Republic of China on Taiwan is the 7th largest trading partner with the United States and the 17th largest trading country in the world. The Republic of China on Taiwan is an excellent example to the third world of how a free market system can achieve economic success in tandem with democracy. The Republic of China on Taiwan has achieved one of the highest standards of living in all of Asia, coupled with respect for human rights, freedom of speech, and full-fledged pluralism.

Such a country deserves to be a participant in the international community, namely, all

international organizations. But the Republic of China has always been isolated by the People's Republic of China. I want to reiterate here an unfair situation of Republic of China's accession to the World Trade Organization.

The Republic of China applied to the GATT Secretariat for membership on January 1, 1990. Because the WTO was established in January 1995 to replace GATT after 1996, the Republic of China reapplied to the WTO Secretariat for membership on December 1, 1995. Under the pressure of the People's Republic of China, a political understanding among members—including the United States—of WTO was reached which promised that the People's Republic of China should be admitted to the WTO earlier than the Republic of China. But the People's Republic of China is still reluctant to remove obstacles to comply with WTO criteria, therefore the Republic of China has to wait even though they are ready to fulfill all obligations as a WTO member.

I believe that the Republic of China on Taiwan's accession to WTO should be considered separately with the People's Republic of China's. Whoever reaches the criterion first, should join the WTO first. It is unfair and unjust to ask Taiwan to wait for the People's Republic of China joining the WTO first.

I would like to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that I praise the Republic of China's endeavors in its bid to join the WTO, and I maintain that political pressure from the People's Republic of China should not hinder the Republic of China's accession to the WTO.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 1996

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the conference report for H.R. 3675, the Transportation Appropriation Act, which passed on the House floor yesterday. I commend Chairman WOLF and the conferees for their hard work and support for the growing transportation needs of our country.

I'm especially pleased that the conference agreed to increase Federal highway funding from the trust funds by approximately $500 million over last year's level. For Kentucky, that means an additional $60 million will be available to fund important transportation priorities throughout the Commonwealth.

One of those priorities for the Governor of Kentucky and especially for Kentucky's 2d Congressional District is the William H. Natcher Bridge in Owensboro, KY. The Natcher Bridge was previously a demonstration project, receiving nearly $54 million in Federal earmarks.

At the request of President Clinton, however, Congress eliminated surface transportation earmarks 2 years ago. Since then, I've testified and repeatedly discussed this project with Chairman WOLF and other members of the Transportation Subcommittee. Chairman WOLF understands the importance of this bridge and its economic value for the community. Therefore, in the 1996 spending bill, he secured a $7-million increase in Kentucky's overall spending level, and urged then-Governor Jones to use those funds for the Natcher Bridge.

This year, Chairman WOLF and the conference committee have upheld their commitment to our Nation's transportation needs by providing nearly $500 million more in overall funding for highways. And once again, Chairman WOLF has remembered our bridge, and made sure Kentucky will receive its needed share of that increase.

Governor Patton has programmed $25 million in Federal funds for the Natcher Bridge, through his 1997 transportation budget. I am pleased that this measure will provide him with twice that much, so that together, we can work to complete this transportation priority.

Again, I thank Chairman WOLF for his hard work.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 1996

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, due to an illness I was unable to vote for the fiscal year 1997 Transportation appropriations conference report. Nevertheless, I would like to let the Record reflect that had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 3675.

I would like to thank the Chairman, Mr. WOLF for shepherding this bill through the Appropriations Committee with little or no controversy. I would also like to take this opportunity to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve with RON COLEMAN, who is leaving this body at the end of this Congress. RON epitomizes the best characteristics of public service and his leadership will be missed by us all.

Chairman WOLF and ranking member COLEMAN have done a good job at balancing the diverse transportation needs of this country. I am particularly pleased that the committee has recognized the need to upgrade airline safety by funding additional positions at the FAA.

I am also pleased that the committee has included two projects that are very important to the transportation needs of my district.

BUS ACQUISITION—YOLO COUNTY

Last year the Yolo County Transit Authority [YCTA] was able to replace six of its aging and heavily polluting diesel-fueled buses with fully equipped compressed natural gas buses. Because the six buses approved by the committee last year constituted a little less than half of the county's total request, I am pleased that the committee has supported by request to fund the remaining buses. Under this purchase, the count will be responsible for 20 percent of the cost of the total bus purchase.

Yolo County is part of the Sacramento nonattainment air basin and would face serious sanctions if aggressive efforts are not taken to reduce emissions. Compressed natural gas buses have made a significant impact on the air quality in Yolo County. YCTA already operates 4 compressed natural gas buses and has seen its emissions reduced by over 50,000 pounds due to the operation of these buses.

BUS ACQUISITION—CITY OF FAIRFIELD

I am pleased that the conference committee agreed to fund the purchase of seven new commuter buses for the city of Fairfield. While Fairfield is no longer in my district, it is adjacent to the Third Congressional District and more importantly, the new buses will serve constituents in my district.

The purpose of this bus acquisition is to provide for a commuter service along the I–80/680 corridors between northern Solano County—Fairfield/Suisun/Vacaville—and the Pleasant Hill BART in central Contra Costa County. The new commuter service is intended to reduce the level of congestion on I–80 and I–680, to improve local and regional multimodal connectivity, to improve the region's air quality, and to provide a mass transit alternative for commuters and large employers.

SOUTH-LINE EXTENSION

Also included in this legislation is $6 million for final design of an extension of Sacramento's light rail system. Although the amount is less than the Senate's mark of $7 million, I do think that $6 million puts us on the right track. The extension will run southward from the existing rail hub in the downtown business district toward two community colleges, two hospitals, several major employment centers and redeveloping areas, and many of the region's most disadvantaged neighborhoods. These areas comprise the most transit-dependent sections of Sacramento, where no light rail service is available today.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I want to express my thanks to the conference committee for their fine work and urge my colleagues to support this bill.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 1996

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support the Transportation appropriations bill before the House today. In particular, I want to highlight the inclusion of $27.5 million in funding for the Tasman Light Rail extension and the BART Airport Extension projects. This funding is just the latest step forward for these two projects and wish to acknowledge the leadership of Chairman WOLF and Congressman COLEMAN for their continued support.

Both BART and Tasman enjoy broad support. And while there are detractors, I believe the transit authority has made an honest effort to address concerns raised along the way. This latest appropriation is a validation of the value to the bay area that these projects represent.

Earlier this year, the Tasman project finalized its full funding grant agreement with the Federal Transit Authority. With the Federal Government committed as a full partner in this project, there should not be any derailments along the way to completion. With many major Silicon Valley employers located along the new route, the Tasman project's value to the region is apparent to anyone who has toured the site. Every effort has been by local authorities to ensure that the scarce funds available for the light rail extension will be put to

the greatest use and provide the greatest benefit to the community.

As a supporter of both the Tasman and BART projects since coming to Congress almost 4 years ago, it is gratifying to have my colleagues recognize the value of these efforts and support the funding necessary to make them a reality.

TRIBUTE TO HARRIET FRANCES ''BITA'' LEE

HON. JOE SKEEN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak of the accomplishments of a fellow New Mexican, rancher and a friend: Harriet Frances Lee. Harriet, better known as Bita, will be posthumously honored on this November 1, 1996, by being inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame.

The National Cowgirl Hall of Fame is a cultural and heritage museum which originated in Hereford, TX, in 1975. Now located in the heart of Fort Worth, this national hall of fame was formed in order to immortalize the women who embody the spirit of the West. From artist to rancher, each year the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame selects four women who have significantly contributed to the heritage of the West.

Last year alone, over 600 applicants were considered for the four positions. Nominated by a longtime family friend, Dr. Margaret Iden, Bita was selected to join women already inducted into the hall of fame; women such as Sacajawea, Patsy Cline, Dale Evens, Annie Oakley, and our fellow New Mexican, Georgia O'Keeffe.

Along with biographies of fellow hall of fame inductees, the museum includes historical and personal mementos of the West and the women who exemplified its strength.

Among Bita's mementos in the museum there may be a lasso, a tiny pair of boots and spurs, or a piece of turquoise. All of these items could be found on Bita at any time of the day. She was tiny in stature, but could organize and work over 250,000 acres with the force of someone twice her size.

A talented rider, Bita loved to rope and work with palominos and quarter horses. Bita also loved the sheep industry. The June marking of the lambs and the April shearing events were always important to Bita. She could be described as salt of the Earth; never wanting for frills or extravagance, loving and respective of animals and her land. Bita often made her own furniture, always liked working with her hands, and was caring of her dogs, cats, or—on occasion—raccoons.

Bita also took a great interest in family. A fraternal twin, she and her brother, Harry—or Bito—had worked side by side to help their parents operate the ranch through drought and economic hard times. Before and after her brother's untimely death, she took great interest in her nephews, Floyd and Harry, and her niece, Marron. Bita worked hard, helping them understand the importance of ranching and family. Furthermore, with Bita's help, her nephew Floyd learned how to ride and rope; Harry learned to work with his hands; and, Marron learned to appreciate poetry. In other words, she helped guide a new generation of Western ranchers.

Bita was a rancher from her birth in 1928, to her death in 1991. Bita was college educated; she could fly a plane; she could ride a horse with grace; she could rope the craftiest of calves; she could write poetry with humor; she could punch cattle; she could shear sheep; and, she always remained a strong and proud woman of New Mexico and the West. I am happy to salute Bita in this manner, and I am pleased to have recommended her to membership in the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame.

ANSWERING AMERICA'S CALL

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, each year the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its ladies auxiliary conduct the national voice of democracy broadcast scriptwriting contest. This past year more than 116,000 secondary school students participated in the contest competing for the 54 national scholarships totaling more than $118,000, which was distributed among the winners. The patriotic theme for this year's contest was answering America's call.

I am proud to share with my colleagues the winning script of Sherri Barrier, my constituent from the 10th District of Virginia, the winner for the State of Virginia. Sherri, a junior at Luray High School, is the recipient of the $1,000 U.S.S. *Battleship Maine* Memorial Scholarship Award for her winning essay. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barrier, she plans a career as a surgeon and was sponsored in the contest by VFW Post 621 in Luray, VA.

ANSWERING AMERICA'S CALL

Somebody, get the phone. If it's Johnny, tell him I'm not home. If it's Elena, tell her I'll call her back. It's my country? I'm washing my hair, can you take a message? It's my country? What was the message? Responsibility. That's all? Anything else? Responsibility for myself, responsibility for others, and responsibility for my country?

Responsibility for myself: What does personal responsibility mean? Well, I guess one thing it could mean is to take responsibility for my values. Good values are important. My country relies on me to set standards for myself, and to uphold them. Education is a responsibility as well. I need to motivate myself to reach my maximum scholastic potential. Another is to set reachable goals that I can strive to achieve. I'm responsible for my future, and need to be all I can be. Yes, I also have to assume the task of being a leader, and not just a follower. My country depends on me to serve as a role model for others, and to possess certain leadership qualities pertinent to being a good citizen.

Responsibility for others: What responsibility for others do I have? Helping to prevent violence is a definite responsibility. I'm in charge of the way I act toward others. This means I have to regulate my behavior and need to help others use anger in a positive way before restoring to violence. I also have to be sensitive to racial issues. ''All men are created equal,'' the Declaration of Independence states. It's up to me to refrain from discriminating against anyone, and to keep peace in the society. I also need to be aware of the drug problem in this country. I can dissuade friends from the use of drugs and show evident disgust with those who take drugs. I can also project a great influence on my friends. I could help them by giving good advice and by raising my standards in hope they will do the same.

Responsibility for my country: What responsibilities do I have for my country? Only I can involve myself in the government. I am able to do this by voting which gives me a chance to express my opinion on candidates and issues. Responsibility lies with me to be informed about world issues affecting our government. Building a better society is up to every individual. Even though I am only one person, I can convince others to accept their responsibilities. Together, we can ensure that America has a bright future and make this country an even better place to live. Wow! I didn't realize how much responsibility America entrusts in me. Our country depends on its youth to take responsibility and answer America's call.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR SOUTHOLD TOWN POLICE CHIEF STANLEY DROSKOSKI FOR 32 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHOLD

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Southold Town Police Chief Stanley Droskoski for his 32 years of dedicated service to the people of Southold, Long Island, NY.

It is with great sincerity that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Chief Droskoski on his retirement from Southold's police department. This great Nation's police forces are the backbone in maintaining a civil society in which to live and work, and safeguard us by protecting ourselves and our property that we, as a society, value so greatly. Our policemen and women also serve as role models for our youngsters, helping to instill in them a sense of pride and respect for their town, county, State and country. For Chief Droskoski, he has proudly taken on these responsibilities and turned them into personal accomplishments.

Beginning 32 years of distinguished service on May 30, 1964, Chief Droskoski steadily moved up the ranks, serving first as a patrol officer before becoming a detective, sergeant, and then lieutenant. He took over the reins as police chief on January 2, 1990, and served in that capacity until his retirement became effective on May 31, 1996. Joining him to enjoy his retirement is his wife of 40 years, Patricia, and his three children, Mark, Cheryl, and Chrissie, along with four grandchildren.

Too often, we take the services of our many dedicated police officers for granted. Police work is the type of employ where everyday achievements often go unnoticed, and where common mistakes seem highlighted. Chief Droskoski has proven himself over the years to be a man of honor and conviction by spending most of his adult life serving the public and aiding the development of this Nation, by making the Southold community a better place to live. Through his leadership and his work ethic, Chief Droskoski has been a positive influence on his department's quest to

maintain a structured and balanced relationship between the police and the community they serve. I applaud him on his successful efforts in this regard, and the many benefits they have brought to Southold.

As citizens of this free and prosperous Nation, all Americans owe our local police officers a tremendous debt of gratitude for the sacrifices they have endured and the efforts they have made on our behalf. Please join me in saluting Police Chief Stanley Droskoski for all he has done for the people of the town of Southold.

Congratulations for your 32 years of service and, on behalf of the entire Congress, I wish you a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE TOM BEVILL AND THE HONORABLE GLEN BROWDER

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 1996

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the gentleman from Alabama, Mr. TOM BEVILL, who has honorably served the residents of Alabama's Fourth District for the past 30 years as their Representative in the United States Congress.

Mr. BEVILL first served our country in the U.S. Army during World War II. A few years later, he began representing Alabama citizens in the Alabama House of Representatives, where he served for 8 years.

Beginning in 1967, Mr. BEVILL has represented the northern region of Alabama in Congress. Through his years, Mr. BEVILL has earned the respect of his congressional colleagues and the public alike. Thanks to his efforts, many water and energy project ideas became a reality.

Mr. BEVILL's constituents appreciated his hard work and efforts, rewarding him with large reelection margins each times.

Over his years in Congress, Mr. BEVILL has truly been the distinguished gentleman from Alabama.

On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin's Ninth District, I thank Mr. TOM BEVILL for his outstanding service to the United States.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE—MILWAUKEE SOCIETY

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Polish National Alliance—Milwaukee Society. I also congratulate my fellow members of the Milwaukee Society as they host the 50th annual Pulaski Day banquet.

Since 1921, the PNA Milwaukee Society has served as a leading and unifying force in the Milwaukee area's Polish-American community. The Milwaukee Society was formed with the idea of providing an opportunity for members of the professions, business and community leaders to meet and work together on issues of concern to Polish-Americans and to our community at large.

As an active component of the Polish National Alliance, the Milwaukee Society has from its inception, been committed to the preservation and promotion of our Polish-American heritage. In addition to sponsoring numerous cultural, fraternal, and social activities however, the Milwaukee Society has coordinated a variety of worthwhile charitable efforts. These efforts have included an annual Christmas food basket distribution and several scholarship programs. Throughout the past 75 years, members of the Milwaukee Society have taken active and leading roles in a variety of organizations and endeavors. In recent years for example, members of the society assumed leadership positions in the effort to construct a Polish-American community center and to promote and coordinate Milwaukee's Polishfest.

On Friday, September 20, members of the Milwaukee Society will gather, as they have done for the past half century, to celebrate the annual Pulaski Day banquet. Our city's first Pulaski Day banquet was conducted in 1946 when members of the Milwaukee Society sought to honor the memory of the American Revolutionary War hero, Casimir Pulaski. Since then, the banquet has provided the Milwaukee Society with an annual opportunity to recognize those whose efforts have benefited the Polish-American community.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate member of the Milwaukee Society on the worthwhile work that they are doing and on the 75th anniversary of their outstanding organization.

HONORING ALBERT G. PEREZ FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Albert G. Perez for his many years of selfless service to the residents of our community, and I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to this dedicated public servant.

Albert was born on December 25, 1931, in the town of Douglas, AR. After attending the University of Arizona, Albert moved to California. He has been a resident of South El Monte since 1965, working as a traffic electrical engineer for Cal Trans for 34 years. He was first elected to the South El Monte City Council in April 1972, and was appointed vice mayor 2 years later. In March 1975, he was appointed mayor for a 1-year term. He was re-elected to the city council in 1976 and 1980, and again appointed vice mayor in April 1980. Elected again to the city council in 1984, he was yet again vice mayor in 1985, and served as mayor for two consecutive terms in 1986 and 1988. He was appointed mayor in April 1995, for a 1-year term.

Albert has also served the community through his participation and membership in numerous organizations such as the California Contract Cities Association, the League of California Cities, the Mid Valley Manpower Consortium, the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, the Southern California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, and the Good Will Industries. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

For 10 years I had the distinct honor and privilege of representing South El Monte in the House. During that time, I worked closely with Albert on hundreds of issues and prospects to benefit the residents of South El Monte and the greater San Gabriel Valley. He is an exemplary public official and an accomplished advocate for the residents of South El Monte. I am proud to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, it is with honor that I ask my colleagues to rise with me to honor my friend of many years, Albert G. Perez, for his many years of service to our community.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOROUGH OF FAIRFIELD, PA

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Borough of Fairfield, Adams County, PA located in my congressional district.

Nearly 250 years ago, John Miller of Castle County acquired land in Carroll's Delight, MD and quickly sold off lots for the purpose of agriculture. Upon his death, his son, William Miller, became proprietor of the plantation, and in 1801 had the land surveyed and plotted for a town to be known as Millerstown.

However, it was soon learned that a town of the same name already existed with a post office on the Juniata River. The town then changed its name to Fairfield where it continued to prosper and develop from 1801 until 1896 adding inhabitants, businesses, churches, and commerce alike. On October 12, 1896, the governing council held its first meeting officially establishing the town of Fairfield.

Today, the Borough of Fairfield remains a quiet community nestled in the foothills of the grand Appalachian Mountains. Its citizens continue to hold onto its founder's pioneering spirit as it moves into the 21st century. With self-reliance and good old-fashioned American values, the Borough of Fairfield is a model for small-town America.

Mayor Lewis and the residents of Fairfield, I salute you on your 100th anniversary.

HONORING A DEVOTED GENTLEMAN, EMORY NESTOR

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the essence of humanity is giving of one's self to help others in need, particularly in times of emergency. This philosophy is epitomized by the work of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. And we all know that the success of any organization is ultimately tied to the efforts of the members of that organization. The Bay County Council of

the Society of St. Vincent De Paul has benefited for the past 42 years from the selfless efforts of one of its members, Emory Nestor, who is retiring as the president of the Bay County Council.

This gentleman has devoted a great deal of time to the work of the Bay County Council, having been a charter member of the St. Hyacinth Conference, one of the nine conferences in the Bay County Council, and the president of the council since 1990. His skills and leadership have also enabled him to serve as a member of the St. Vincent De Paul Mid East Region Eldercare Committee, which serves as a conduit for providing information about the special needs of the elderly, and an assessment of the various programs of assistance offered to the elderly throughout the region. He also was appointed to the Eastern Michigan Senior Advisory Committee Community Service Commission, where his familiarity with programs for the elderly has been an essential element of the commission's operations.

The key focus of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul has been to provide essential assistance at times of emergencies. Food assistance has been provided for families and individuals. Clothing has been provided through a thrift store. Help with utility bills has been given when urgently needed. And to a limited extent shelter has been provided when emergency conditions create a need, a need which is too often filled only by organizations like the Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

Mr. Nestor's devotion to helping others is equaled with his devotion to his religious faith. He has been a commissioned law minister at St. Hyacinth Parish since 1987. He has helped people at the parish, as well as through the Bay Area Stroke Support Group, at times of great personal difficulty and challenges.

A married gentleman who has been blessed with his loving wife Jean and who knows the value of community service after a long career at General Motors, Emory Nestor is the kind of man that we would all like to have as a neighbor and as a model for our young people.

As he retires from the presidency, and is recognized this weekend by the other members of the Bay County Council, I urge you and all of our colleagues, Mr. Speaker, to join me in thanking Emory Nestor for his devotion, his service, and his leadership.

FAREWELL TO THE GREATEST LEGISLATIVE BODY IN THE WORLD

HON. TOBY ROTH

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, September 19 is a memorable day in American history. Two hundred years ago today, our first President, George Washington, gave the American people his Farewell Address. This address is read annually to Congress. In it, George Washington offered the American people precious advice, which for the most part they have followed.

Today I'd like to offer my own farewell to Congress, but one that is simply a thank you to my family, friends and associates, who have meant so much to me since I entered this great institution.

Eighteen years ago I first walked onto this floor to be sworn in as a freshman member of the 96th Congress. It was one of the proudest moments of my life. To be elected by one's fellow citizens to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives is a special honor, one that I will always cherish and treasure.

Throughout those 18 years, I've kept in mind something Abraham Lincoln said about the turbulence of public life: ''I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end.''

I couldn't have done it without my family, particularly my wife, Barb. From the beginning, I have been blessed with a supportive and understanding family. Every member of this House knows the sacrifices their families are required to make. Barb, Toby Jr., Vicky, Barbie, and my daughter-in-law Jeanne often went above and beyond what anyone reasonably could expect. I love them dearly—and to give them a big hug of love and thanks.

Representing the people of northeast Wisconsin has been a family affair. Barb has been my unofficial director of constituent affairs and chief campaigner, as well as the finest political strategist I could have ever had. Toby Jr., Vicky, Barbie, and Jeanne have marched with me in countless parades, typed labels, licked stamps, maintained voter lists, manned the telephones and staffed election night headquarters. As a result, they know more about the realities of American politics, I suspect, than the political science faculty at any university. For their help and encouragement I will always be grateful.

I couldn't have done it without the strong support and friendship of the people of northeast Wisconsin. I have made lasting friendships with the people of my district. I have spent every bit of time back in the district that I could, attending community meetings, speaking to small business groups, visiting homes for the elderly, and cheering on high school football teams.

Not once did I feel a trip back home was a chore. No place in America has greater natural beauty: the forests, the inland lakes, the riverways, the hills, the shores and bays of Lake Michigan, from Washington Island west to Northern Highland State Forest, through some of America's most scenic counties: Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Maintowoc, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Shawano, and Vilas.

Above all, no Member of Congress has a more big-hearted, fun-loving, hard-working, family-oriented group of Americans to represent. Working for them in Washington and visiting them at home has been an honor and a pleasure.

For 18 years, they have placed their trust in me. Fifteen times, in primary and general elections, I asked the people of northeast Wisconsin for a vote of confidence. Fifteen times, they gave me their support. I hope I have met their high expectations.

I couldn't have done it without my staff. They have shared my deep commitment to public service, and they have served the people of Wisconsin and the American people well.

Finally, I couldn't have done it without the friendship and support of my fellow Members. This is a special place, and those who serve here are exceptional people. I have been proud to serve with you; I have learned much from you; and I believe it can be said that together we have made a lasting contribution to this great Nation. God bless all of you and God bless America.

Six months ago, when I announced that after 18 years of service in Congress I would move on to other endeavors, I did so in a statement to the people of northeast Wisconsin. I'd like to insert those comments in the RECORD.

We all know the passage from Ecclesiastes: ''All things have their season, and in their times all things pass under heaven.''

In short, there is a time for everything. Eighteen years ago, I announced my candidacy for Congress. I have devoted nearly two decades of my life to working for the people of Northeast Wisconsin. I have always worked hard—giving one thousand percent. So has my wife Barb and so have my children. Public service involves a commitment from everyone in my family. And the people have seen that.

In nine general elections and two primaries, the people have placed their trust and confidence in me, to represent them in the United States Congress. For me, this has been the highest honor. The people of Northeast Wisconsin are the finest people on earth. Everyday, they have shown me kindness, generosity and friendship. They have been good to me beyond measure, and it has made my job a pleasure as well as an honor.

Now, after eighteen years, it is the right time for me to come home. Therefore I am announcing today that I will not be a candidate for reelection this November. When the people of Northeast Wisconsin first elected me to Congress, Jimmy Carter was President, the Cold War still raged, the Soviet Union was the enemy and the Iron Curtain divided Europe.

As I reflect on my time in office, it has been an era of monumental change. Today, we are at peace. No nation threatens us. Our economy is strong, especially here at home in Northeast Wisconsin. To be sure, we have problems in our society, but I see America returning to the values that built our country and made us strong. My goal has always been to contribute to a better future for our country, and today I am optimistic for the children of America. I have cherished every moment of my service in Congress. When the American people, through their votes, freely choose a citizen to represent them in Congress, they not only vest a person with the power to make the laws, they reaffirm the power of the people to govern themselves. The Congress truly is the people's house. I will always be grateful to the people of Northeast Wisconsin.

As the Irish proverb goes, ''May God in His wonderful love hold each of you in the hollow of his hand.''

This has been a great journey of eighteen years. Thank you.

UNITED STATES AMBASSADORS TO HUNGARY AND ROMANIA ASSESS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RECENTLY SIGNED HUNGARIAN-ROMANIAN TREATY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday of this week, a Treaty of Understanding, Cooperation and Good Neighborliness was signed by representatives of the Governments

of Romania and Hungary in the Romanian city of Timisoara/Temesvar. The document was signed by leaders of both governments—Romanian President Ion Iliescu, Hungarian Prime Minister Gyula Horn, and Romanian Prime Minister Nicolae Vacaroiu. The treaty represents another milestone in the process of reconciliation and improved relations between these two important central European countries.

The United States is particularly fortunate at this important time to have in Budapest and in Bucharest two outstanding ambassadors who have had an immense positive influence on U.S. relations with both countries and an equally positive influence as these two countries have made great strides in working to resolve the differences between them and to place their relationship on a higher level.

Donald M. Blinken, the United States Ambassador to Hungary, has had a distinguished career as an investment banker with an international reputation. He has served as our envoy in Budapest since late 1993. Alfred H. Moses, the United States Ambassador to Romania, is a distinguished attorney from Washington, DC, who has been active in a number of national organizations.

Today, the Washington Post has published a article written by these two prominent American diplomats which places in historical context the significance of the signing of the Treaty of Understanding, Cooperation and Good Neighborliness. I ask, Mr. Speaker, that this article be placed in the RECORD, and I urge my colleagues to give thoughtful consideration to the informed views of these outstanding representatives of the United States.

[From the Washington Post, Sept. 19, 1996]

LOOKING BEYOND BOSNIA

(By Donald M. Blinken and Alfred H. Moses)

The attention devoted to events in Bosnia overlooks other important and positive developments in the region which, in history's ledger, could prove equally important. This week Hungary and Romania signed a basic bilateral treaty marking the end to centuries of contention. The treaty has the same significance to Central Europe as the Franco-German reconciliation had to Western Europe. Similar treaties have been concluded between longtime rivals Slovakia and Hungary and between the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece.

Historic rivalry between Hungary and Romania dates back at least a thousand years to the Magyar migrations from Central Asia. This led to Hungarian domination of the Carpathian basin, including modern day Transylvania, now in Romania, which was part of Hungary until 1919, when the Treaty of Trianon put an end to 300 years of Austro-Hungarian dominance in the region. Unfortunately, Trianon did not end the rivalry, and at the end of World War II, Budapest found itself occupied by Romanian troops for the second time in this century.

The people of Romania and Hungary liberated themselves from communism seven years ago. But their rivalry remained. Now, together, they are engaged in one final act of liberation, this time from the unresolved legacies of their own tragic and angry past.

The heart of the treaty also is the heart of post-Cold War Europe's security challenges: how to reconcile the rights and responsibilities of minorities with majorities in a part of the world where peoples and borders do not match.

Bosnia is a brutal reminder of the power of these ethnic and nationalistic hatreds. It shows how dangerous this power is to peace not just in the Balkans but to Europe as a whole, and how important it is to defuse ethnic grievances before they explode.

The basic treaty obligates both countries to protect the civil liberties and cultural identity of their national minorities. Education at all levels is guaranteed by the state in the minority's native tongue, as is the right to use one's historic language in administrative and judicial proceedings in areas of minority concentration. The same is true of road signs, print and broadcast media and almost every other aspect of communal life.

The test, of course, will come with implementation, but the overwhelming support for the treaty in both countries is reason for optimism. Moreover, both sides are committed because both know the treaty clears an important hurdle to an even more historic goal: integration with the West.

President Clinton's January 1994 decision, embraced by our allies, to open NATO to new members and new partners, together with efforts by the European Union to enlarge eastward, has given every nation of Central Europe an incentive to strengthen democracy and improve relations with its neighbors.

Both Hungary and Romania have been active participants in the Partnership for Peace, the innovative U.S. initiative that has as one of its purposes to prepare NATO aspirants for eventual membership. Romania was the first to join. And Hungary hosts U.S. forces engaged in Bosnia. Troops from both countries participate in joint Partnership for Peace exercises on the territory of the other and are serving with the implementation force in Bosnia.

NATO and the European Union have made it clear that states aspiring to membership that have unresolved border disputes or are unable to respect international norms on the treatment of minorities ''need not apply.''

This clear message moved Hungary and Romania to look beyond traditional boundaries and historical divisions toward a new vision of a secure and prosperous continent no longer mired in the conflicts of the past. In this spirit, both nations have committed in the basic treaty to support NATO and EU membership for the other.

By embracing countries in Central Europe that show the will and the means to contribute to the stability and prosperity of the continent as a whole, the EU and NATO can help bring an end to historic enmities based on ethnic, cultural and religious differences, including the historic divide between Catholic West and Orthodox East. The example of Hungary and Romania may point to the end of a millennium of Central European history marked by perpetual conflict and human tragedies past counting.

DISCOMFITTING DETAILS OF LATE-TERM ABORTIONS INTENSIFY DISPUTE

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD.

HARSH DETAILS SHIFT TENOR OF ABORTION FIGHT

From the moment the medical paper arrived anonymously at the offices of the National Right to Life Committee three years ago, antiabortion activists knew they had been handed a powerful weapon.

The eight-page, double-spaced document described in precise, straightforward language an abortion procedure sometimes used during the second half of pregnancy, at 20 weeks and beyond. A copy of a medical paper that had been delivered at a recent seminar, it was written by an Ohio doctor who had performed the procedure hundreds of times.

It provide what abortion foes had long believed was crucial in turning public opinion their way: a graphic description of one type of abortion they felt would offend many, perhaps most, Americans. In this procedure, the doctor delivered the body of the fetus—feet first and sometimes still alive—into the birth canal before collapsing the skull so that the head could be drawn through the opening of the uterus. The medical world called the procedure ''intact dilation and evacuation,'' but antiabortion activists soon coined a new name for it: ''partial-birth'' abortion.

The activists believed that publicizing the details of the procedure would fuel a national debate, pull many abortion rights liberals to their side and prompt Congress for the first time to ban a specific abortion procedure.

They were right.

President Clinton vetoed the legislation last April. But Congress is gearing up to vote on it again before adjourning at the end of next week. Although proponents of the ban believe they may have the necessary two-thirds vote in the House to override the veto, they acknowledge they still are at least a dozen short in the Senate.

Ongoing efforts to enact the ban have been aided by the considerable weight of leading Catholic clerics, who visited members of Congress last week to lobby for an override, and whose followers have deluged Capitol Hill with millions of postcards.

The issue also has played a role in the presidential campaign. Robert J. Dole, the Republican nominee who supports a constitutional amendment banning nearly all abortions, has said that Clinton's veto ''pushed the limits of decency too far.'' Ten days ago, he told an audience of Catholics, ''whether you're pro-life or pro-choice, there is one thing everyone can agree on: Partial-birth abortion is wrong.''

Whatever the bill's ultimate fate, the clash over late-term abortions will be remembered as a benchmark in the decades-old abortion debate.

It has forced members of Congress and the general public to confront what happens during abortion—and most people find such details grisly, no matter what surgical method is used. It also has ignited a discussion of the ethical justifications for abortions performed when a pregnancy is more than half over. Such procedures—of which the procedure banned by the legislation is only one of several—make up only 1.3 percent of the 1.3 million abortions done in the United States each year, but they provoke ambivalence and discomfort even among abortion rights supporters.

''This legislation has so mobilized prolifers, that the effect of it . . . will strengthen them for a very long time,'' said Helen Alvare, spokeswoman for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. ''For years, the best we've been able to do in Congress is preserve some funding restrictions. To get from that into the question of abortion itself was a huge leap.''

Those on the other side of the debate view the bill's success in Congress as an ominous precedent, and suggest that, if it were law, abortion opponents would try to expand or broadly interpret the ban to cover other kinds of abortions.

''This is the first time Congress has ever attempted to regulate the practice of medicine and abortion,'' said Kathryn Kolbert, vice president of the Center for Reproductive

Law and Policy in New York, an abortion rights group.

Said Lewis Koplik, a New Mexico physician who performs late-stage abortions using a different method: ''They don't want less than 1 percent of abortions stopped. . . .They want all abortions stopped.''

ESTIMATES AND ANECDOTES

There are no reliable statistics on how many abortions are done each year using the technique that would be banned. Nor is there much information about the women who undergo the procedure or about the condition of the fetuses they carry. As a result, both sides of the debate have selectively used estimates and anecdotes to support their positions.

The National Abortion Federation, an organization of abortion providers, believes 400 to 600 cases of ''intact D&E,'' as the procedure is often called, may be done each year. The National Right to Life Committee, which supports the ban, believes it may be several thousand.

Similarly, there are no reliable estimates on how many American doctors use the technique. Interviews with abortion providers suggest that they are fewer than 20, and perhaps fewer than 10.

Opponents of the ban, including President Clinton, have used patients and data drawn chiefly from the practice of one abortion doctor to portray the procedure as an extremely rare one, used almost exclusively in cases where a woman discovers that her pregnancy threatens her own life or that the fetus is severely deformed. They also have implied that in some cases, it is the only abortion technique that can safely be used.

Interviews with physicians, as well as information gleaned from published documents and congressional testimony, paint a different picture of these late-term abortions.

It is possible—and maybe even likely—that the majority of these abortions are performed on normal fetuses, not on fetuses suffering genetic or developmental abnormalities. Furthermore, in most cases where the procedure is used, the physical health of the woman whose pregnancy is being terminated is not in jeopardy. In virtually all cases, there are alternative ways to perform the abortion safely, through perhaps not as safely as when intact D&E is used.

Instead, the ''typical'' patients tend to be young, low-income women, often poorly educated or naive, whose reasons for waiting so long to end their pregnancies are rarely medical. Only in the small subgroup of women whose abortions are done extremely late-in the last one-third of gestation—are most of the fetuses malformed, and most of the pregnancies initially desired.

But if abortion rights advocates have painted a misleading picture of intact D&E, so have proponents of banning the procedure.

Much of their campaign has led people to believe that normal, viable fetuses are regularly being aborted very late in pregnancy—in the eighth or ninth month—using this technique. ''Virtually every pro-choice American and every pro-life American agrees that aborting a child in the eighth or ninth month the way a partial-birth abortion does is wrong,'' House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) said in supporting a veto override on ''Meet the Press'' Sunday.

Most fetuses aborted by the ''intact D&E'' method are less than 24 weeks gestation; the number done later, when the chances of viability are greater, is very small.

There is no clear-cut moment in pregnancy when a fetus becomes ''viable,'' or capable of surviving outside the womb. Of infants born at 24 weeks gestation, about one-third survive; at 23 weeks, fewer than one-quarter. Most abortion providers will not perform abortions of any type on a normal fetus, carried by a healthy woman, beyond the 24th week of pregnancy; many practitioners set the boundary even earlier.

Antiabortion groups also have cited the fact that the fetus, in some cases, is still alive when part of its body is outside the womb during the procedure. ''The difference between the partial-birth abortion procedure and homicide is a mere three inches,'' Rep. Charles T. Canady (R-Fla.) said last year. Proponents also have argued that fetuses may suffer pain during the procedure.

The usual alternative to intact D&E is ''dismemberment D&E,'' in which the fetal limbs are pulled off the body in utero, sometimes while the fetus is still alive. Proponents of the ''partial-birth'' abortion ban have not made clear why intact D&E should be outlawed, while ''dismemberment D&E''—used to abort a fetus of similar age while still inside the uterus—is not. And, if the fetus has sensation—which is far from certain—then arguably dismemberment D&E is the more painful procedure.

What's indisputable is that public discussion of this method of ending pregnancy has thrown a spotlight on the anguish and ambivalence that lurks below many—if not all—abortions. It has forced doctors, patients and the public to face the ''livingness'' of the fetus in a way that abortion techniques used early in pregnancy do not.

VISUAL IMAGERY

Abortion opponents have always relied on visual imagery. They have carried posters depicting the tiny feet of aborted fetuses, and jars with the fetuses themselves. A 1986 antiabortion film, ''The Silent Scream,'' showed an ultrasound image of the supposed agony of a 12-week fetus being aborted. But it was not until they provided drawings of the intact D&E procedure that were descriptive enough to make the point, but not so graphic they couldn't appear in the mass media, that they reached a wider audience.

Within weeks of Martin Haskell's description of the intact D&E procedure at a 1992 National Abortion Federation seminar in Dallas, his paper had been sent to the National Right to Life Committee, said its legislative director, Douglas Johnson. The committee took Haskell's paper, along with some rough sketches of the procedure that had appeared in an antiabortion publication, to an artist who produced more sophisticated drawings. These were circulated within the antiabortion community.

''I was horrified that such a procedure existed,'' said Canady, who was sent a copy of the paper and later introduced the ban. ''It occurred to me that this was something the American people would overwhelmingly oppose if they were aware of it.''

In 1993, Haskell said in interviews in two medical publications that he had discovered the procedure by accident, and had performed it more than 700 times. In most cases, he said, the abortions were not done because of a birth defect or a severe maternal illness.

Haskell is no longer granting interviews, ''given the harassment he's under,'' said his lawyer, Kolbert.

The issue landed on Capitol Hill as Congress was debating the 1993 Freedom of Choice Act, a bill that would have prohibited many state restrictions on abortion. Canady argued that the bill would prevent states from banning even late-term abortion techniques, like the procedure described by Haskell, and offered an amendment banning the intact D&E method. But abortion rights supporters had long outnumbered abortion foes in Congress, and Canady's amendment failed by a narrow margin. A procedural fight kept the bill from ever coming up for a vote.

With Republican victories in the 1994 elections, however, more than 40 new antiabortion legislators arrived on Capitol Hill, and the abortion balance changed. And proponents of the ''partial-birth'' abortion ban believed their chances for a major antiabortion victory were further enhanced by the distastefulness of the late-term procedure.

Antiabortion leaders correctly suspected the issue could split the abortion rights opposition. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), who traditionally had voted for abortion rights, called the procedure ''as close to infanticide as anything I have come upon in our judiciary.'' Previously dependable abortion rights supporters like House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo.) and Rep. Susan Molinari (R-N.Y.), similarly decided to support the ban.

It passed 286 to 129 in the House, and 54 to 44 in the Senate.

The emotion that marked the congressional debate has accompanied the issue into the presidential campaign. Dole has pledged that, as president, he would sign the ban on ''partial-birth'' abortion. He has attacked Clinton's veto, charging it represented his lack of ''moral vision.''

Clinton has countercharged that his decision was based on defending the health of women whose babies were seriously deformed. ''I fail to see why [Dole's] moral position is superior to the one that I took,'' he said.

Polls suggest that, while Americans generally support a women's right to an abortion, there is also considerable support for the ban on the ''partial-birth'' procedure.

Respondents to a Gallup Poll last July were asked if they would favor ''a law which would make it illegal to perform a specific abortion procedure conducted in the last six months of pregnancy known as a 'partial-birth abortion,' except in cases necessary to save the life of the mother.'' Seventy-one percent said yes.

Supporters of the ban argue that public opinion is shifting as they continue to place advertisements describing the procedure in newspapers and on television. Among the ads is one from a new group of 300 physicians, including former surgeon general C. Everett Koop, which argues that the procedure is never medically necessary.

The quest for public support has shaped strategies on both sides. Abortion opponents focus on the fetus and on the medical details of the procedure. Abortion rights supporters emphasize the rights and health of women and portray the proposed ban as an unwarranted government invasion of privacy.

SHAPING STRATEGIES

A contentious subtext in this war of images has been the question of why women seek late-term abortions.

''The anti-choice community has done a very good job at painting a picture of a woman who has an abortion as frivolous, irresponsible, one who engages in sex without responsibility,'' said Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League.

She and others cited an advertisement run by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops listing examples of reasons a woman could use to obtain a ''partial-birth'' abortion if the legislation made an exception to preserve the health of the mother. The list included such examples as ''won't fit into prom dress,'' ''hates being fat'', and ''can't afford a baby and a new car.''

But the women who have spoken out publicly about their experiences with the procedure have told a different story.

''We are not women popping up in the eighth month saying, 'I don't think I'll be a mom,''' Claudia Ades told a congressional hearing last November. Ades said she learned

from a sonogram when she was 26 weeks pregnant that her fetus had a severely malformed brain and numerous other serious defects.

''These were desperately wanted children, where something went terribly wrong,'' she said.

In a recent interview, Ades said she and her husband, Richard, who live in Los Angeles, ''begged for . . . someone that could fix my baby's brain or the hole in his heart,'' but were told their child had no chance of survival. She opted for abortion, she said, because she believed her fetus was in pain.

Four different doctors told her intact D&E was the safest way, Ades said. ''We knew other options existed,'' including a Caesarean section, ''but they were not considered as safe, as healthy or as appropriate for us. . . . What bothers me is that we have to defend what we did. We believe it was such a humane thing.''

Johnson, of the National Right to Life Committee, and others argue that even in the case of severe developmental defects like the Ades fetus, the baby should be allowed to be born. ''The premise that in some cases it is necessary to kill the baby to complete a delivery . . . there are no such cases,'' he said.

Clinton said he would have signed the legislation if it had included an exception for women who faced serious health risks without the procedure. But foes of such an exception argued that it ''would gut the bill,'' in Johnson's words.

While the immediate future of the abortion debate clearly hangs on the November elections, it seems likely that this will not be the last time Congress focuses on a specific procedure.

Rep. Christopher H. Smith (R–N.J.), a leading abortion opponent in the House, said after the House approved the ban late last year that antiabortion lawmakers ''would begin to focus on the methods and declare them to be illegal.''

For abortion rights supporters, that is a daunting prospect.

''There is no abortion procedure when described that is aesthetically comforting, whether at six weeks or 32 weeks,'' said Frances Kissling, president of Catholics for a Free Choice. ''This is exactly the kind of abortion issue that people don't want to think about. . . . They want women to be able to have this option in such extreme and terrible circumstances, but they know it's not pretty. It has to happen, but it shouldn't be in the newspaper.''

VIABILITY AND THE LAW

The normal length of human gestation is 266 days, or 38 weeks. This is roughly 40 weeks from a women's last menstrual period. Pregnancy is often divided into three parts, or ''trimesters.'' Both legally and medically, however, this division has little meaning. For one thing, there is little precise agreement about when one trimester ends and another begins. Some authorities describe the first trimester as going through the end of the 12th week of gestation. Others say the 13th week. Often the third trimester is defined as beginning after 24 weeks of fetal development.

Nevertheless, the trimester concept—and particularly the division between the second and third ones—commonly arises in discussion of late-stage abortion.

Contrary to a widely held public impression, third-trimester abortion is not outlawed in the United States. The landmark Supreme Court decisions, *Roe v. Wade* abortion on demand up until the time of fetal ''viability.'' After that point, states can limit a women's access to abortion. The court did not specify when viability begins.

In *Doe v. Bolton* the court ruled that abortion could be performed after fetal viability if the operating physician judged the procedure necessary to protect the life or health of the woman. ''Health'' was broadly defined.

''Medical judgment may be exercised in the light of all factos—physical, emotional psychological familial and the women's age—relevant to the well-being of the patient.'' the court wrote. ''All these factors may relate to health. This allows the attending physician the room he needs to make his best medical judgment.''

Because of this definition, life-threatening conditions need not exist in order for a women to get a third-trimester abortion.

For most of the century, however, viability was confined to the third trimester because neonatal intensive care medicine was unable to keep fetuses younger than that alive. This is not longer the case.

In an article published in the journal Pediatrics in 1991, physicians reported the experience of 1,765 infants born with a very low birth weight at seven hospitals. About 20 percent of those babies were considered to be at 25 weeks' gestation or less. Of those that had completed 23 weeks' development, 23 percent survived. At 24 weeks 34 percent survived. None of those infants was yet in the third trimester.

THANK YOU, JUNE KENYON, FOR YOUR LOYAL SERVICE

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it was with mixed emotions that I announced last December 11 my decision to retire from the House at the conclusion of my current term. As I explained at the time, the decision to retire was made more difficult because of the loyalty and dedication of my staff—and because of the genuine friendship I feel for them. Each one of them has served the men and women of Texas' 8th Congressional District in an extraordinary way.

Today, I want to thank one member of my staff—June Kenyon—for everything she's done for me and my constituents in the more than 6 years she has served on my official staff, and for the 6 years she has served on my campaign staff.

As a member of my congressional casework staff since early 1990, June has helped thousands of my constituents who have experienced problems with Federal departments and agencies, cutting through bureaucratic redtape to ensure that Federal programs help, not just frustrate, the people they were designed to help. At the same time, June has managed my Youth Advisory Board program, in which two students from each high school and college in my district meet semiannually to share with me their opinions and concerns on issues affecting them.

In addition, June has also managed the computer hardware and software that link my three district offices and contribute to my staff's efficiency.

Prior to joining my official staff, June worked for many years in my campaign office. In mid-1984, she began working as my campaign's systems manager, maintaining a massive mailing list and voluminous financial records. In later years, she served as my campaign's financial director, office manager, and scheduler. June has trained volunteers; organized fundraisers; maintained payroll, tax, and Federal Election Commission records; and made sure I was where I was supposed to be—one of the more challenging tasks anyone has ever undertaken.

It was June's reputation as a woman of many talents who is always ready and willing to do whatever is necessary to ensure that a project is seen through to completion that prompted my friend, Jack Rains, to ask for June's help in his 1988 gubernatorial campaign.

June has been an extremely active member of the Republican party for many years. She is a member of the Texas Federated Republican Women, as well as a member of the Kingwood Area Republican Women's Club. And she is a charter member of the Lake Houston Republican Women's Club.

June Kenyon is one of those hard-working men and women who make all of us in this institution look better than we deserve. I know she has done that for me, and I appreciate this opportunity to publicly thank her for the dedication, loyalty and professionalism she has exhibited throughout the years it has been my privilege to know and work with her. I'm so grateful to her for all she's done for me that I'm almost willing to overlook the fact, Mr. Speaker, that June was born in New York, not Texas.

June has yet to make a definite decision about what she wants to do in the years ahead. But I am confident that the skills and the personal qualities she has demonstrated in my office will lead to continued success in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I know you join with me in saying thank you to June Kenyon for her years of loyal service to me, to the men and women of Texas' Eighth Congressional District, and to this great institution. And I know you join with me in wishing June, and her two sons—Charles Thomas McDonough and George Kenyon McDonough, all the best in the years ahead.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PARTIAL–BIRTH ABORTION IS CHILD ABUSE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, partial-birth abortion is child abuse.

That some otherwise respectable and pleasant and well-mannered people would permit killing babies in this way—which Congress can stop if it has the will—is both baffling and extremely sad.

That some otherwise smart and even brilliant people have been so easily fooled by the abortion industry's outrageous lies, distortions, half-truths, and surface appeal arguments is, at best, disappointing and unsettling.

How can anyone in this Chamber or in the White House defend sticking a pair of scissors into a partially born baby's head so as to puncture the child's skull so a suction catheter can be inserted to suck out the child's brains? How can anyone support this and then say they're for kids?

My wife, Marie, is an elementary school teacher, and she said this morning that if a young student were to stab her doll in the back of the head, alarm bells would go off and we would say that this child might have deep psychological problems, was in need of professional help, and posed a potential threat to others.

If anyone did such an act to a young animal—a puppy or a kitten—we would say that he or she was sick and guilty of animal abuse.

Yet the abortion President Bill Clinton, seeks to continue legal sanction for this gruesome assault on children. Finally, we're seeing what the right to choose really means: Executing untold thousands of children by stabbing them and sucking out their brains?

Let's face it. Partial-birth abortion is a gross violation of human rights—it's child abuse.

Why the blind spot?

Why the unwillingness to see the brutality and savagery of brain-sucking abortion?

I guess we now know how far the so-called pro-choice movement will go to sustain the Orwellian super-myth that abortion is somehow sane, compassionate—even pro-child.

Americans will now see that the real extremists are not the people who insist on calling attention to the grisly details of abortion, such as dismemberment of the unborn child, injections of high concentrated salt solutions and other kinds of poisons that chemically burn and then kill the baby, or this particular method, a brain-sucking method of abortion. They will see that the real extremists are those who actually do these acts.

The dangerous person is not the one who shows us the pictures or who describes abortions, the dangerous person—the child abuser—is the person holding the scissors at the base of the baby's skull.

I would respectfully submit to my abortion-minded friends on both sides of the aisle, that the coverup is over. For more than two decades the abortion industry has sanitized abortion methods by aggressively employing the shrewdest and most benign euphemisms market research can buy.

I say to my friends on the other side of this issue, choose the path of Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a founder of NARAL—the National Abortion Rights Action League—and former big league abortionist who turned pro-life because he finally had to admit, in a fit of intellectual honesty, that the unborn child was a patient, too, in need of nurturing and caring and love, just like his or her mother.

For the first time ever, the debate over partial-birth abortion requires us to begin coming to grips with the grisly specifics of how abortion actually pains, tortures, and destroys innocent human babies. If slaughtering a partially born child is wrong, why is it OK to slice and suction a baby in utero with a high-powered vacuum, 20 to 30 times more powerful than an average household vacuum cleaner, a procedure that turns the baby into bloody pulp. In a later term D&E abortion, the baby is decapitated and dismembered, limb by limb, inside the womb.

The dirty secret of the abortion rights movement—the violent, painful methods of abortion—are finally getting scrutiny because of this debate. The partial-birth abortion debate is allowing us to just scratch the surface of the usually secret, hidden, and Byzantine world of abortion and the methods used to painfully kill unborn children. Even the Washington Post shed some light on the methods this week. The Post article says, in part,

> Most abortion doctors circumvent this problem by dismembering the fetus and removing it in pieces small enough to pass through the cervix . . .
>
> The physician generally injects the fetus with one or more toxic substances a day before surgery, a maneuver that softens the tissue and makes dismemberment easier. It also eliminates any possibility a live birth will occur. Alternatively, some doctors cut the umbilical cord, which kills the fetus, 15 or 20 minutes before the procedure.

Perhaps some of you are having—or beginning to have—second thoughts concerning the bill of goods the abortion lobby has been selling all these years.

They even lied about the number of partial-birth abortions performed each year in the United States.

This past Sunday, The Record of Bergen, NJ, published a lengthy investigate report about the partial-birth abortions. I was appalled to read that a single facility in New Jersey—Metropolitan Medical in Englewood—performs at least 1,500 partial-birth abortions every year. This is three times the number of brain suction abortions that the National Abortion Federation, Planned Parenthood, NARAL, and other pro-abortion groups have estimated are performed annually throughout the country.

This revelation belies the statement of Bill Clinton that the process of sucking a baby's brains out moments before his or her full delivery is limited to 500 children per year nationally. Even if the lower number were true, however, I am stunned that he or anyone else could belittle the horror of partial-birth abortion by saying it ''only'' kills 500 children each year. This is a higher death toll than the Oklahoma City bombing—an act that has been rightfully condemned.

What is equally as frightening is the fact that the same Record article reveals that most partial-birth abortions in New Jersey were done to teenagers, and they were done as elective procedures, not for medical reasons. Let me quote from the article.

> ''We have an occasional amnio abnormality, but it's a minuscule amount,'' said one of the doctors at Metropolitan Medical, an assessment confirmed by another doctor there. ''Most are Medicaid patients, black and white, and most are for elective, not medical, reasons: people who didn't realize, or didn't care, how far along they were. Most are teenagers.''

And let us not forget Dr. Martin Haskell, the medical doctor who boasts about this grisly procedure and goes on tour teaching it to others. Dr. Haskell says 80 percent of his partial birth abortions are ''purely elective.''

This contradicts everything the abortion President has said to justify his veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban bill passed by both the House and the Senate. President Clinton should stop hiding from the truth.

Override this antichild veto.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL MOLITOR, 3,000 HITS AND HOMETOWN HERO

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise a true Minnesota hero, whose athletic exploits in the all-American game of baseball have dominated headlines from coast to coast in recent days.

But as big a hit as Paul Molitor has been on the field for nearly two decades, Paul Molitor has been an even bigger hero to children and fans all across this great country for the person he is.

Mr. Speaker, it is common for this most uncommon man to stand for hours at a time and sign autographs for all comers, fans young and old. Paul Molitor of Minnesota and the Minnesota Twins is as classy a person as his classic swing.

A devoted family man who always answers the call of community organizations to help people in need, Paul Molitor gives us all much to admire. He visits to hospitals to cheer up suffering children in cities all across this great country are rarely covered in the newspapers. But the lives he has touched, the spirits he has raised are reason enough to celebrate this great American hero.

Joining only 20 of the greatest players in the history of the sport, Paul Molitor became a member of one of major league baseball's most exclusive clubs on Monday, September 16 in the fifth inning of a game at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, MO.

Showing his classic, never-give-up hustle, Molitor became the first player to enter the 3,000-hit club with a triple and an all-out, head-first slide into third.

And showing his strong love of family, Molitor immediately located his wife, Linda, and daughter, Blaire, in the stands and embraced them warmly.

Overcoming injury after injury, Paul Molitor's relentless pursuit of perfection and team goals has set a shining example for all of us in our everyday lives.

A fellow alumnus of the University of Minnesota, Paul Molitor has stolen our hearts with his heart for the game—just like he once stole second, third, and home in a single inning. His accomplishments in the game are already the stuff of legend.

This St. Paul native was the most valuable player of the 1993 World Series and scored the series-clinching run. His 1987 hitting streak of 39 games is the fifth longest in modern big-league history. In the first game of the 1982 World Series, he set a record with five hits.

From his sandlot days on the same playgrounds in St. Paul that produced—within just a few years—other future Hall of Famers Dave Winfield and Jack Morris, to his emergence as a star at the University of Minnesota, Paul Molitor has been gathering fans all across America.

In Milwaukee, Toronto, and Minnesota, Paul Molitor has collected a legion of loyal admirers who are devoted to our native Minnesota son as much for his character as his clutch fielding and hitting.

Mr. Speaker, we can all take a lesson from what Paul Molitor has done on and off the field: never give up; bear down at each and every opportunity; stay mentally tough; keep your eyes on the goal; don't let some bad breaks deter you from your objective; look out for your teammates; remember what's truly important.

Paul Molitor, the baseball player, is still going strong at age 40. He's leading the league in hits. But, more importantly, Paul Molitor, the person, is proving that Leo Durocher was wrong. Nice guys do finish first.

BRING GREATER ADMINISTRATIVE FLEXIBILITY TO HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS UNIVERSITY

HON. JAN MEYERS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to bring greater administrative flexibility to Haskell Indian Nations University located in Lawrence, KS.

Haskell has been educating native Americans since 1884. One of only two institutes of its kind in the United States, any person of native American descent can attend Haskell tuition-free in fulfillment of treaty obligations. Since it's inception, Haskell has grown into a cherished educational institution in the native American community and a respected neighbor in Lawrence, KS.

Under the leadership of President Bob Martin, Haskell University has begun a far-sighted transformation into a 4 year university specializing in training elementary and secondary education teachers, and environmental science and conservation programs. For the past 3 years, the first group of education baccalaureate students have been studying at Haskell and will graduate this spring.

However, in order to continue its transformation, Haskell needs the autonomy and authority to hire and retain faculty-rank teachers. That is what this bill does. Local control and authority has already been granted to all tribally-controlled community colleges. While I realize that the time before this Congress does not permit a thorough hearing of this bill, I want to alert my colleagues to both the need and importance of the legislation.

TRIBUTE TO FINANCIAL WOMEN INTERNATIONAL

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions of women to the financial services industry and to honor an organization that makes this success possible: Financial Women International.

Women have made a major impact in the realm of financial services, leading to the industry's growth and flourishment. For 75 years, Financial Women International has advanced these goals by helping women in the financial services industry to expand their personal and professional capabilities.

When the group was founded in 1921, it claimed 59 members who held high positions in their banks. Today, Financial Women International counts more then 10,000 members from all 50 States and several foreign countries. These individuals come from all facets of the rapidly expanding world of financial services.

Financial Women International's impressive record stems from its emphasis on education. The group appreciates the importance of continual learning. For this reason, it offers seminars and many other programs that teach women in the financial services industry the skills they need to become and remain competitive.

In addition, Financial Women International advances the interests of working women by promoting pay equity and through its contributions to the efforts of the Glass Ceiling Commission.

I am pleased to honor Financial Women International. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this organization and the many hard-working women of the financial services industry.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE TOM BEVILL AND THE HONORABLE GLEN BROWDER

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 1996

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my colleagues in acknowledging the contribution of my good friend, TOM BEVILL, our esteemed colleague has provided such great leadership as chairman of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee and in this Congress as our distinguished ranking member. He will always be ''Mr. Chairman.''

Mr. TOM BEVILL was elected to this body more than 30 years ago and has proudly represented his constituents in Alabama. The Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway is a monument to Chairman BEVILL's work. This barge canal stretches from North Alabama to the Gulf of Mexico and a lock and dam on the canal bear the chairman's name. He has fought Presidents in both parties to secure important development projects and has stood with Members from both sides of the aisle to work to move this country toward the 21st century.

I am proud to have served with TOM. He is an example for us all. TOM has always advanced a bipartisan agenda, and looked at the merits of water projects regardless of party. As chairman of the Energy and Water Subcommittee, Congressman BEVILL boasted that he had never brought a bill to the floor without the full consent and support of then ranking member Myers. I am proud to see that his example has extended to this Congress, and I commend him and the example he has set. His bipartisan spirit has created a model for committee efficiency and has crated lasting water projects as its legacy.

Chairman BEVILL has also been a strong advocate of important water projects in the San Francisco Bay area. His strong support of the San Francisco Bay has provided funds for dredging, erosion control programs and general maintenance. He has supported the Sacramento River Winter-Run Chinook Salmon Program and provided funds for a long-term planning strategy for the San Francisco Bay. His efforts resulted in the important San Francisco breakwater that protects the city shoreline from the ravages of storms. His support will long be remembered by many in San Francisco.

The House of Representatives will miss Chairman BEVILL. He is a friend, an example and a leader to all of us. I wish him well in his retirement. He will be missed but always remembered for his extraordinary leadership in this House.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILD LABOR FREE CONSUMER INFORMATION ACT OF 1996

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be able to introduce today new legislation to aid consumers wanting to avoid products made with abusive and exploitative child labor. The measure, called the Child Labor Free Consumer Information Act of 1996, encourages apparel and sporting good companies to voluntarily adopt a ''child labor free'' label on their products or packaging.

Over 60 Members of the House have joined me in introducing this important piece of legislation that I wrote with my good friend Senator TOM HARKIN of Iowa, who has been a relentless fighter for children and for human rights.

Our bill would create the broadest anti-child labor label in today's market. It builds on successful efforts to use labels to inform consumers of socially responsible actions by manufacturers and retailers. The Rugmark label, for example, guarantees that certain hand-knotted Asian rugs were not made by exploited children. And the Green Seal and other environmental labels, such as the Dolphin Safe logo on cans of tuna fish and the European ''E'' label, provide important information to consumers concerned about environmental protection.

On most products today there is a world of information. You can know if a shirt was made in the United States or abroad, made with union labor, made of cotton or synthetics, and how to care for it. Nowhere, however, will you see reference to any labor protections adhered to in the manufacture. And yet, this is an important piece of information to consumers that could influence their purchasing decisions. It is important to workers, and it is important to the children that are being exploited and abused in the workplace because of insufficient pressure on countries and businesses to put these children in school rather than to work.

Mr. Speaker, the bottom line is that consumers want to avoid products made in sweatshops or by child labor, but they have no way of knowing which products to avoid. Our legislation asks companies to ''put your money where your mouth is''—if your product is free of child labor, tell the consumer right on the label.

Numerous polls and surveys show consumers want information about socially responsible business practices. One study, by Marymount University in Virginia, found that three out of four Americans would boycott a store if they knew it sold goods made in sweatshops.

Regrettably, products made with abusive and exploitative child labor and in sweatshops are prevalent. The International Labor Organization estimates there are several hundred million children making goods, many of which are sold in U.S. markets.

Attention to this issue was heightened this year after it was disclosed at a hearing that I chaired by the Democratic Policy Committee that celebrity product lines, such as the Kathie Lee Gifford clothes sold at Wal-Mart stores, were made in part by underage youth and at sweatshops. Life magazine added to the attention by later reporting that most soccer

balls in the world are made by poor children, some as young as 5 years old.

Last year, the United States imported almost 50 percent of the wearing apparel sold here and the garment industry netted $34 billion. And according to the Department of Commerce, last year the United States imported 494.1 million pairs of athletic footwear—enough shoes to encircle the Earth five and a half times—and produced only 65.3 million pairs domestically.

Many companies say their manufacturing contracts specifically prohibit the use of child labor and other labor violations and that they will terminate contracts with companies that violate those terms. Regrettably, these codes of conduct are rarely independently verified. In-fact, the Gifford line and Wal-Mart both have codes of conduct against child labor and sweatshops.

Gifford, who has become an outspoken opponent of these labor violations, told Good Housekeeping magazine this month that codes of conduct are inadequate:

Other celebrities say, ''Oh, I've got something in my contract that says this kind of labor can never be exploited.'' I've had the same clause in my contract since Day One. It's always been a concern of ours. But how much good does it do?

The Child Labor Free Consumer Information Act would establish a commission of government, business, union and non-profit members working together to create guidelines for the use of a ''Child Labor Free'' or ''Not made With Child Labor'' label. The label could be attached to or printed on the product or the product packaging. The Commission would also be charged with investigating complaints brought to it that a company may be fraudulently using the label. Even though use of the label would be voluntary, companies would face increased penalties under Federal Trade Commission law for fraudulently using it.

Companies that adopt this label will find that they will be rewarded in the marketplace by consumers that repeatedly state they don't want to support labor exploitation, particularly of small children. This is a socially responsible and economically attractive step for companies to take. We know we cannot rid child labor from the world, but we hope that consumers will be able to make an informed choice about whether they want to support products made with child labor or not.

I recognize that it is late in the legislative session to be introducing new legislation. And I expect to reintroduce this legislation again next year. But I believe it is important to remind the public and my colleagues that this issue will not simply fade away. And this legislation also contains an idea that businesses could act on today, without its passage, if they were so inclined. I hope they will consider a label seriously as a means to prove to consumers their commitment to stopping child labor violations.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would like to attach to this statement a report that I have prepared based on the information gathered at the April hearing and on subsequent investigations by my staff. The report makes a compelling argument for the use of voluntary product labels to achieve socially—and economically—desirable goals.

THE NEED FOR BETTER PRODUCT LABELING

INTRODUCTION

Although the rapidly expanding global marketplace has brought to U.S. consumers an ever-broadening array of goods from around the world, the market has not brought additional information to consumers on the potential impacts of their purchasing decisions. A highly competitive, unregulated global market is enticing some corporations to flee strong environmental protection or labor laws in the U.S. and other developed countries for nations where such protections are less stringent, or even non-existent. As nations compete to attract global capital, and developing nations strive to industrialize, lack of environmental regulations, unsafe working conditions and low-wage labor—including forced labor and child labor—may provide the competitive edge for many countries. This situation is legitimized by the virtual silence of trade agreements on these issues.

A growing number of investors, consumers, and companies believe that the power to force positive change lies in consumer education. These companies and consumer advocacy organizations are articulating a message that consumers, by choosing products manufactured in a way that does not harm the environment or undermine the rights of workers, will force corporations to produce their goods in a responsible fashion.

In response to concerns raised by the environmental, labor, and human rights communities, in April 1996 the House Democratic Policy Committee convened a hearing that I chaired in an effort to better inform the public and Members of Congress on this complex debate. It was at that hearing that the now infamous allegation about Kathie Lee Gifford's clothing line sold at Wal-Mart Stores was first made. This discussion paper is based on the issues raised at that hearing.

CONSUMERS WANT TO BE INFORMED

Polls consistently show that consumers want to be informed about the impacts of their purchases.

In 1993, Cone Communications collaborated in a poll with Roper Starch Worldwide Inc. To survey, 2,000 consumers on the extent to which socially responsible business practices entered into their purchasing decisions. Thirty-one percent of those surveyed responded that, after price and quality, a company's socially responsible business practices are one of the most important factors in deciding whether or not to buy a brand. (source: Council on Economic Priorities)

A 1992 Ad Age poll conducted by Yankelovich Clancy Shulman of 1,004 consumers found that 70% of respondents said environmental messages in labeling or advertising ''sometimes'' or ''very often'' influence their purchasing decisions. (source: Council on Economic Priorities)

And a 1995 survey of 1,008 consumers by Marymount University's Center for Ethical Concerns found more than 75% of those surveyed would boycott a store if they knew it sold goods made in sweatshops. Nearly 85% would pay an extra $1 on a $20 garment if it were guaranteed to be made in a legal shop. (source: Maryland University, Department of Fashion Design and Merchandising and Center for Ethical Concerns)

At issue is: how do consumers become informed about the ''good'' or ''bad'' product?

Those supporting better consumer information programs are considering how to implement most effectively a program to alert American consumers to the conditions under which products are made. Following the long tradition of environmental labeling, these organizations are also beginning to call for labor-related labels.

LESSONS FROM ECOLABELING PROGRAMS

For several years, some governments and a growing number of non-governmental organizations have promoted consumer information and product labeling as tools that can aid in improving the global environment. Currently, about two dozen regional or national ecolabeling programs exist around the world. Generally popular with consumers, they are increasingly coming under attack by manufacturers and developing nations who claim that ecolabels are a disguised barrier to trade. (source: National Journal; ''Sticker Shock''; March 9, 1996) Critics also claim that ecolabels must be negotiated internationally, and raise the question of how—and whether—different nations' environmental rules can be reconciled.

According to a recent article in Business Ethics, Europeans tend to hold higher standards for their businesses than do most Americans. As a result, socially responsible businesses are better able to compete in Europe. (source: Business Ethics, ''Growing Pains'', January/February 1996) In recent years the European Union has undertaken a massive government-controlled ecolabeling program, with mixed results. The E.U. scheme covers washing machines, dishwashers, soil improvers, toilet tissue, kitchen paper rolls, laundry detergents, light bulbs, and indoor paints and varnishes. Some U.S. producers of these goods have protested that the E.U. system discriminates against U.S. manufacturers, although the seven types of washing machines that have been awarded the E.U. label to date are all made by U.S.-owned Hoover Ltd. Others criticize the bureaucratic procedures and the cost of attaining certification for an E.U. label.

Some of the ecolabeling debate has focused on the use of so-called ''ecoseals'', or symbols that are the equivalent of an environmental seal of approval. These seals are generally simple, and may be awarded following a third-party (non-government) approval process (U.S. ''Green Seal'') or may be the result of a government-approved and defined label (U.S. ''Dolphin Safe'', or the European Union's ''E'' label).

Supporters of ecoseals believe that, because the seals are simple and easy for consumers to understand, consumers are more likely to base their purchases on responsible choices. Opponents of ecoseals argue that seals stifle innovation and train customers to look for symbols rather than to learn factual information about environmental effects. They support information-based labeling, such as that used on nutrition labels.

''Dolphin Safe'' label. One of the most well-known environmental labels in the United States is the ''Dolphin Safe'' label found on cans of tuna. Some supporters of ecolabeling have suggested using this statutorily defined label as a model for other ecolabeling efforts, and a brief history of the label's creation is worth noting here.

As a result of continued public outcry against the dolphin kills in the tuna fishery during the 1980's, Starkist Seafood Company announced in 1990 that it would no longer purchase any tuna caught by harming dolphins, and that it would begin labeling cans of Starkist tuna sold in the United States with ''Dolphin Safe'' symbols. Almost immediately, the rest of the U.S. tuna canners announced that they would no longer purchase tuna considered ''dolphin unsafe''. The voluntary announcement of the tuna processing industry raised a new labeling issue for the federal government: the definition and enforcement of a voluntary dolphin-safe label. In response, the Dolphin Protection Consumer Information Act (DPCIA) was enacted by the Congress in 1990. The purpose of the DPCIA was to establish criteria for labeling tuna and tuna products ''dolphin safe'', certification procedures, and enforcement standards for violations of the label.

Although the U.S. lags behind Europe in terms of both government-sponsored and third-party ecolabels, the issue is not likely

to disappear anytime soon. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has been considering international standards for ecolabeling in its negotiations on the connection between trade and the environment. The issue will also be discussed at the Singapore meeting of the World Trade Organization in December, 1996.

CHILD LABOR AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

Can we apply our experience from ecolabeling to labor concerns?

One of the most emotional issues regarding goods—particularly textiles—manufactured in developing nations is the use of child labor. In a 1994 Department of Labor (DOL) report mandated by the Congressional Committees on Appropriations, DOL reported that between 100 million and 200 million children are in the workplace more than 95% of them in developing countries. The industries which employ children range from garments and carpets to small-scale mining and gem polishing. (source: Department of Labor, ''By The Sweat And Toil Of Children: The Use of Child Labor in American Imports'', July 15, 1994)

A recent survey by the International Labor Organization (ILO) found a positive correlation between child labor and factors such as poverty, illiteracy, rural under-development, urban slum conditions, and school non-attendance. About four-fifths of those children who worked did so seven days a week and, in many instances, girls worked longer hours than boys. (source: Child Labor Surveys: Results of methodological experiments in four countries, 1992–1993, International Labor Office. 1996. ISBN 92–2–110106–1)

The ILO estimates that at least half of all child workers are found in South and Southeast Asia. Asia probably boasts the highest percentage of children working in industries which export to the United States. Working conditions range from ''crowded garment factories, where the doors are locked and the children work for 14 hours, to small dusty earthen huts which can seat four children to a loom, knotting carpets in a pit for hours on end.'' (source: Department of Labor report, previously cited)

A recent article in Life magazine on the manufacture of Nike soccer balls in Pakistan told of ''children as young as six bought from their parents for as little as $15, sold and resold like furniture, branded, beaten, blinded as punishment for wanting to go home, rendered speechless by the trauma of their enslavement . . . Children are sought after, and bonded, and sometimes taken in outright slavery, because they do not cost as much.'' (source: Life, ''Six Cents An Hour'', June, 1996) Nike, as well as Reebok, have since announced that their soccer balls from Pakistan will soon be made in stitching centers where the labor can be closely monitored, as opposed to the current system that relies on children in small villages scattered throughout the country. Nike and Reebok hope that these stitching centers will eliminate child labor from their portion of the soccer ball industry. Nike and Reebok, however, are currently very small players in the manufacture of soccer balls, when compared with Addidas, Mikasa and other companies that have made no announcement on child labor.

Of equal concern are documented stories of so-called ''sweatshop'' labor, in which workers, frequently women, are locked into unsafe workplaces, and forced to work long hours for minimal wages. Last summer, U.S. papers carried front-page stories of a raid on an El Monte, California, sweatshop where most of the workers at the shop were recent female immigrants from Thailand who had been virtually enslaved by the manufacturer. Workers were forced to live in a compound encircled by razor wire, threatened with rape, and required to work 20-hour days for as little as $1 an hour. (source: People, ''Labor Pains'', June 10, 1996)

Early experience with labor-related labeling indicates that it can work.

One label gaining in popularity and market share in Europe and recently introduced in the U.S. is the ''Rugmark'' label awarded to some hand-knotted rugs made in Nepal and India without the use of child labor. Nearly 900,000 children under the age of 14—including children as young as 4—are working in the carpet industry in Pakistan; 200,000 in Nepal; and 300,000 in India. Children are frequently bonded to a looming operation to pay off the debts of their parents. The U.S. is the world's second-largest market for hand-knotted Oriental carpets, with imports of over $150 million annually form India alone, and has the potential to have a major impact on the manner in which these carpets are made.

CONCLUSION

Consumers and advertisers alike are obsessed with determining and declaring that a particular product is safe for children. But our economy fails to tell consumers whether products are safe for the children who made them. Parents have a right to know that the clothes and toys they buy for their children were not made by other exploited and abused children. Unfortunately, they have no way of knowing that in today's marketplace.

Voluntary labeling programs may continue to hold the key. These programs have not been easy to establish or to enforce. Nor will a ''one size fits all'' approach be practical—it is likely that different modes of labeling regimes will work best in different economic sectors. But our experiences with ecolabeling programs and the Rugmark label prove that voluntary labels are effective, and popular with consumers. If voluntary, they are consistent with our international trade obligations. Corporations who maintain that they have a reliable, enforceable code of conduct should be willing to translate that code into a reliable, enforceable label that informs consumers of the impacts of their purchases.

We must take responsibility for our purchasing and marketing decisions. The price of a product and the rate of profit cannot be allowed to overwhelm the moral obligation to protect children and to respect the rights of other workers. We have the means to inject this level of respect into the marketplace if we exert our will to do so. Through responsible consumer education our values of protection for the environment, for children and for workers can be reflected in the way we make our goods.

THE FAIR HAVEN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, September 20, 1996 the Fair Haven Community Health Center will hold an Open House to dedicate its new building and to celebrate 25 years of service to the Fair Haven area.

The Fair Haven Community Health Center has been a fixture on Grand Avenue for the past 25 years. During that time, it has been a part of the community people could always rely upon. The Center has undergone considerable change through the years. When it opened for two nights a week in 1971, it was housed in Columbus School with a storefront office and had a staff of five, including two VISTA volunteers. That year the Center was visited 500 times. By 1982, the Center had begun a prenatal and midwifery program and purchased, renovated, and added on the property at 374 Grand Avenue. The Center also opened the ''Body Shop,'' a school based clinic, at Wilbur Cross High School.

Today, the Fair Haven Center has purchased, renovated and connected property at 362 Grand Avenue. The complete facility now has 24 exam rooms, a new laboratory, waiting area, health education and social service rooms. The Center has a staff of 80 including 10 physicians, 8 nurse practitioners, and 6 nurse midwives. The facilities include three buildings and three satellite clinics which received a total of 48,000 visits this past year. These new renovations and additions mean that the Center can continue to do what it does best, caring for people.

Throughout its history, the Fair Haven Community Health Center has remained committed to the ideal of providing health care for all those who need it, regardless of their ability to pay. While medicine today is increasingly cost-conscious, Fair Haven practices medicine which puts the patient's well-being first. By combining preventive care and education with a range of services from prenatal care to geriatric medicine, the Center ensures that all its patient's needs are met. This holistic, integrated approach is what defines the Center and makes it so valuable to New Haven. Center Director, Katrina Clark said, ''We have always felt that we were part of the community, and I think that is why we've been so successful in meeting the health care needs of the people we serve. At a time when many people are alienated and rejected by the health care system, Fair Haven stands as a beacon of caring for our patients and providing excellent service.''

I am proud to rise today to congratulate the Fair Haven Community Health Center. The newly renovated facilities will enable the Center to provide even better health services and preventive care to the people of Fair Haven.

BIPARTISANSHIP IS THE KEY TO ETHICS REFORM

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, last week my dear friend Representative PORTER GOSS who serves on the Ethics Committee as well as the Rules Committee took out a special order to urge changes in the ethics process—September 12, 1996.

He proposed that changes in the ethics process should take effect in the next Congress and that the Rules Committee is the proper venue for ethics reform.

I must take strong exception to the claim that the Rules Committee is the right place to consider reforms of the ethics process. Given the primary job of the Rules Committee—reporting special rules for the consideration of legislation—the committee is properly a partisan committee with a 9 to 4 ratio. The Rules Committee is an arm of the majority leadership and so it is appropriate that all the Republican members of the committee—including

Mr. GOSS—are appointed directly by Speaker GINGRICH. But this partisan makeup makes the Rules Committee the wrong venue for ethics reform.

The House ethics process must be the product of bipartisan consensus. The most recent ethics reforms, for example, issued from the work of the Bipartisan Ethics Task Force established in 1989. The task force was composed of 14 Members, 7 from each side of the aisle, including 2 ex officio leadership Members and others who had valuable experience on ethics reform issues.

The task force was bipartisan in fact as well as name. The Members and staff operated on a completely bipartisan—or nonpartisan—basis. The task force divided its work into subgroups of two Members each—one Republican and one Democrat. Each subgroup investigated problems and options in a specific area and reported its recommendations back to the full task force.

Obviously only bipartisan suggestions could be reported from any subgroup. And the full task force worked by consensus; no recommendation was issued from the full task force unless all Members were in agreement.

One subgroup was responsible for developing recommendations on the Ethics Committee's enforcement procedures. Because the Ethics Committee was considering complaints against Speaker Wright at that time, the task force decided that the subgroup on ethics enforcement should not include any task force member then serving on the Ethics Committee. Moreover, the subgroup, by consensus, delayed its first meeting until the Ethics Committee closed its investigation of Speaker Wright.

Again, the subgroup on ethics procedures needed unanimity to report any recommendation and the full task force proceeded by consensus requiring all members to sign off before including any provision in its comprehensive ethics reform package.

The paramount goal of any congressional reform must be to restore public confidence in the integrity of this institution. I believe the bipartisan approach is the only appropriate model for considering ethics reforms.

THE SACRED HEART CENTENNIAL TRIBUTE

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride I bring to the attention of the House and the entire Nation the 100th anniversary of the founding of The Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Family Church, in Munsing, MI.

From its humble beginnings in a community town hall, where Father Anthony Molinari spoke with his congregation from atop a piano for lack of a pulpit, The Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish has grown over the last 100 years to become an integral part of our community.

Sacred Heart Church was founded in the fall of 1896 to meet the spiritual needs of rapidly expanding Munsing. The first pastor, Father Anthony Molinari, started the church and spearheaded the initial fundraising efforts to build a permanent sanctuary. To accomplish this, the parish hosted benefit dinners with the slogan: ''A hot meal guaranteed to satisfy, for the price of 25 cents''. Their first benefit alone raised $600.

By the following fall, construction on a permanent building began and the church was finished in the spring of 1898. It was a small wooden structure with a towering belfry and living quarters for the priest. On September 11, 1898, the church was consecrated the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

During the following years, the church continued to grow along with the community. A new pipe organ was installed, a Belgian bell was added to the belfry, and a parochial school was build. The Sacred Heart School, offering 8 grades, opened in 1914 with 316 students enrolled. The church also added a convent for the Sisters of St. Dominic in 1924.

On April 27, 1933 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus was destroyed by a devastating fire which started by a spark in the chimney. The church was completely demolished, and only the Blessed Sacrament was salvaged. Construction on a new church did not begin until the summer of 1949, and the cornerstone was finally laid on September 4 of that year. On the Feast of the Sacrament, June 19, 1950, the new church was dedicated.

In the spring of 1970, the Sacred Heart School was closed after 56 years of operation. To replace it, the Confraternity Christian Doctrine [CCD] program began the following October. Under the leadership of Brother Felix Butzman, of the Christian Brothers, 500 students were able to continue their religious instruction under the program which allowed students to be released early from public schools to attend CCD classes.

Since 1975, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus has been under the spiritual leadership of Father Tim Desrochersm, Father Vincent Ouellette, and Father Raymond Moncher along with a caring parish staff. During these years, the church has continued to flourish and evolve. Improvements include a thriving choir under the leadership of Theresa Chartier, a barrier-free entrance for wheelchair bound members of the congregation, a new Rogers electronic-pipe organ, religious education classrooms, and the renovation of the Sacred Heart School building into low-income senior citizen housing.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Church reaches out into the community through its ministries to the Munsing Hospital, the Superior Health Haven, Superior Shores Nursing Center, Cusino Corrections Facility, and Alger Maximum Security Prison Facility in addition to their own congregation. They also provide religious instruction to adults, teens, and children.

Mr. Speaker, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church has provided a place of prayer, hope, and faith for the Munsing community throughout their 100-year history. The clergy and congregation have worked together to form a long-lasting institution of religious faith in this community. On behalf of the Upper Peninsula, State of Michigan, and the entire Nation. I would like to congratulate The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on their 100-year anniversary and I wish them peace, joy, and happiness now and for future generations.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE TOM BEVILL AND THE HONORABLE GLEN BROWDER

SPEECH OF

HON. OWEN B. PICKETT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 1996

Mr. PICKETT. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to participate in the remarks being made at this special order today on behalf of our colleagues, Representative TOM BEVILL and Representative GLEN BROWDER, both of Alabama, who will be leaving the House of Representatives at the end of this session.

It has been my good fortune to have the opportunity to work with these two gentlemen and participate with them on activities and programs related to our work in the House of Representatives. Both men are of exemplary character and have always shown an interest in discussing and pursuing issues and programs beneficial to our citizens. They bring with them to every discussion the grace, dignity, and respect for others that arises only from strong and resolute religious convictions.

TOM BEVILL has been a much loved and respected member of the Appropriations Committee where he has served diligently and honorably as both chairman and ranking member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development. He has gained a broad knowledge of the many needs existing in communities around our Nation for water projects beneficial for health, safety, and economic reasons. He has also been privileged to observe many water improvement projects where he has participated in the dedication after they have been successfully completed as a result of financial assistance provided at the direction of his subcommittee. His wise and prudent stewardship on this subcommittee will be fondly remembered by those who worked with him and deeply appreciated by those communities and citizens who have benefitted from his favorable action.

GLEN BROWDER has been no less diligent in his work on the National Security Committee, leaving his favorable mark on policies developed by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Panel as well as issues related to base closings, force readiness, health benefits for veterans, and the structuring of the military depot maintenance system. Glen has pursued his objectives with quiet determination and has benefitted both his congressional district and our Nation's national security by his persistence and sincerity in seeing an issue through to a favorable conclusion.

I have a deep and abiding respect and admiration for both these fine Members of the House and know that they will continue to apply their energy and efforts in support of the people and communities they represent. It is our good fortune to have men with the temperament, drive, and ability of TOM BEVILL and GLEN BROWDER serving as Members of the House of Representatives. I wish them good health and happiness in their future endeavors, and success and joy in all their future undertakings. They deserve no less.

EXPLANATION OF MISSED VOTES

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, because of illness, I missed 6 recorded votes on September 17 and 18. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner.

H.R. 3803—AYE; H.R. 3723—AYE; H.J. Res. 191—AYE; H.R. 3802—AYE; H.R. 3675—AYE; and H.R. 3923—AYE.

IN HONOR OF THREE OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS: BLANQUITA VALENTI, EDWIN GUTIERREZ, AND ANTHONY VEGA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to three outstanding individuals, Blanquita Valenti, Edwin Gutierrez, and Tony Vega who are making a difference in the lives of their fellow community members through their work with the Puerto Rican Action Board. A celebration dinner will be held for these deserving people on September 20, 1996 at the Spain Inn in Piscataway, NJ.

The Puerto Rican Action Board, a nonprofit organization which seeks to improve the quality of life of low and moderate income families in New Jersey, has benefited from the exceptional efforts of Blanquita Valenti. Ms. Valenti has a distinguished record of service as a public official and educator. She has a strong educational background consisting of a masters degree in Spanish and Latin American literature, and certification by the American Translators Association. Ms. Valenti is a founding board member of a number of organizations, including the Puerto Rican Action Board, ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey, and the Puerto Rican Congress. She has also served on the city council for an 8-year term and as city president for 4 years.

Edwin Gutierrez, former president and executive director of the Puerto Rican Action Board, is a notable community activist. He has contributed has expertise to a number of worthwhile projects such as the New Brunswick Neighborhood Preservation Program, Community Block Grant and Homeowner Affordability Program, Rental Rehabilitation Program, and the Buy-it Fix-it Program. Mr. Gutierrez has also exhibited a commitment to excellence in education. He established the first bilingual-bicultural day care center in New Brunswick, instituted an English as second language [ESL] program for adults and initiated a bilingual high school equivalency program.

The Puerto Rican Action Board has received invaluable service from its former chairperson, Dr. Anthony Vega. He has had a long and distinguished career as a university educator and labor activist. Dr. Vega's educational efforts include earning the title of professor emeritus in labor studies at the labor education center of Rutgers University, establishing scholarship funds for labor studies, and the procuring funds to sponsor research programs like the Parent, Recruitment, Involvement, Education project [PRIDE], Rutgers' OSHA Center, and the Children's Development project. One of Dr. Vega's most prized accomplishments was the raising of $1 million for a multifaceted educational and manpower development program in 1980.

It is an honor to be able to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of Blanquita Valenti, Edwin Gutierrez, and Anthony Vega. They exemplify the enormous positive difference individuals can make in our communities. I am certain that my colleagues will rise with me and honor these remarkable community leaders.

TRIBUTE TO DIANA LEWIS

HON. L.F. PAYNE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. PAYNE of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Diana Lewis, an outstanding Virginian and a hard-work American. Ms. Lewis has overcome great personal odds and now serves in her community as a certified nursing assistant in Charlottesville, VA. On October 8, 1996, she will be honored at the Annual Training Conference of the General Council of Industries for the Blind and National Industries for the Blind as the 1996 private sector employee of the year.

The path to her well deserved recognition, however, has not been an easy one. Born with congenital cataracts, Ms. Lewis suffered additional setbacks as a child undergoing several eye surgeries resulting in her delayed entry to school. Undeterred, Ms. Lewis attended Romney School for the Blind in West Virginia, but left school before completing her education in order to marry, become a homemaker, and, eventually a mother of two sons.

By 1986, Ms. Lewis' circumstances had changed dramatically. She had moved to Virginia and found herself an unemployed single mother with two young boys to support, lacking education or employment skills. With the help of training program through Virginia Industries for the Blind, a division of the Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped, Ms. Lewis rose to the challenge confronting her by training for and mastering numerous sewing operations. Before long, she had become an accomplished seamstress.

Her desire to seek new challenges and improve her circumstances inspired her to earn her GED and complete training as a certified nursing assistant. Ms. Lewis met her personal and professional challenges head on, in the face of long odds, and is now giving back to her community working in the skilled care unit of Westminister Canterbury of the Blue Ridge. As a certified nursing assistant, she selflessly gives comfort to elderly citizens who require constant care.

Ms. Lewis credits her employment at Virginia Industries for the Blind with instilling in her an unquenchable sense of self-confidence, enable her to continually seek new challenges and responsibilities. For her, the future is full of promise, as she seeks to fulfill her goal of one day becoming a physical therapist.

Ms. Lewis is truly representative of our country's ethic of service and its unfailing commitment to self-improvement.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Diana Lewis, the 1996 private sector employee of the year.

TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA ANDERSON BOONE

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Virginia Anderson Boone of Miami, FL, and to share in the festivities of a special event held in her honor.

As the founding principal of Highland Oaks Elementary School in North Miami Beach, FL, Virginia Boone tirelessly devoted 31 years of her career to the thousands of children who studied under her tutelage.

During Mrs. Boone's tenure, Highland Oaks Elementary became one of the finest schools in all of Dade County, the fourth largest county in these United States. Year after year, Highland Oaks ranked among the top schools for the best test scores which are compared to other schools across the Nation. Thanks to the strength and commitment of a woman who expected nothing less than the very best from her faculty and her students, Highland Oaks set standards which are still beyond the grasp of most other schools.

Although childless, Virginia Boone became a parent to her faculty, staff, and students. She treated those who worked for her, as well as those who studied in her school, as though they were her own children, caring for their health, attending their weddings and the myriad of bar and bat mitzvahs. Many of her former students, now adults, would often stop by for a visit. She even hired a teacher who had been a student in her first graduating class.

For decades it became near-impossible to find an opening on the Highland Oaks' faculty. Those who were the lucky ones because the envy of many who wanted to share in the good fortune of working for a woman who would become a mentor and a friend, sharing in the success of watching thousands of children benefit from their years at Highland Oaks Elementary.

It is a true gift for one to watch a child excel in life and know that they have played an important part. I am told that is what Virginia Boone lived for.

After her passing earlier this year, the faculty, the PTA, the northeast Dade community and the Dade County School Board unanimously voted to rename the school to honor the woman who touched so many lives. I am delighted to have the privilege of representing this involved, outstanding community on this very special occasion.

On September 25, 1996, Highland Oaks Elementary will be officially renamed, ''Virginia A. Boone Highland Oaks Elementary.'' Congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

I ask unanimous consent that these remarks be included in the RECORD.

SUPPORTING NATO EXPANSION

HON. MARTIN R. HOKE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of NATO expansion by encouraging qualified emerging democracies in Central and Eastern Europe to become members of the NATO Alliance. Since 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has provided the foundation for the peace and political solidarity of all of its European members. For this reason I encourage such expansion in order to provide for the continued security, freedom, and prosperity that has existed for NATO members since the formation of the NATO Alliance.

Among the countries seeking NATO membership, including Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary, I would like to acknowledge three additional countries namely, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia as strong, viable candidates that should be considered for NATO membership. Each of these countries, according to their individual preparations, can and should be granted NATO membership at the earliest possible date. For this reason I would like to ask that the President encourage other member countries of NATO to start negotiations for the accession to NATO, along with Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary, of Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

Not only have each of these countries expressed an overwhelming desire to become full-fledged members of NATO, but they have actively pursued and achieved the qualifications for membership. According to Title II—NATO Participation Act of 1994, countries seeking membership in NATO must be full and active participants in the Partnership for Peace, and have demonstrated progress toward democratic institutions, free market economies, civilian control of their armed forces and the rule of law.

Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia are all successful participants in the Partnership for Peace [PFP] and have succeeded in establishing western-style democracies and efficient market economies. Not only have these countries been successful in their membership with PFP, but each has also made great strides in preparing to become worthwhile and beneficial members of the NATO Alliance.

In particular, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia have made great advances toward compliance with the requirements for NATO membership. Romania was the first nation in Central and Eastern Europe to join the Partnership for Peace and is currently participating in a ''sixteen plus one'' dialog with NATO. Militarily, Romania has a coherent and valid national defence doctrine and has the only armed forces in former East Block whose structures are fully compatible with NATO. The Romanian military enjoys an excellent relationship with neighboring countries as well, especially Hungary, with whom there are regular meetings of defence ministers, an open sky agreement and other manifestations of cooperation.

In fact, on September 16, 1996, Romania and Hungary signed the Treaty on Understanding, Cooperation and Good-Neighborliness. This treaty allows both Romania and Hungary to continue to pursue their joint desires to integrate in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, European Union and Western European Union; to improve the security and prosperity of Europe; help protect minority rights through the implementation of the Council of Europe Framework Convention; and, to work toward the continued success of the relationship between Romania and Hungary.

Slovakia has also made great strides. They have had considerable dialog with NATO regarding the Study on NATO Enlargement which detailed the conditions and steps to be undertaken by a prospective country in exchange for a full membership. Slovakia submitted a document called Preparation for NATO Membership, which was further elaborated in the Individual Discussion Paper [IDP] on March 18, 1996. Slovakia was the first country among PFP members to submit this paper.

Slovenia's accomplishments and cooperation within the PFP, has made them, according to general consultation in 1995 on expansion of NATO, one of the most qualified candidates for NATO membership. According to the Statements and Consultation of the Parliament and Government of Slovenia on April 11, 1996, membership in NATO is the strategic security aim of Slovenia.

Therefore, in order to expedite the process of NATO enlargement, grant membership in NATO to all qualifying countries, and strengthen the stability in Central and Eastern Europe, I would ask that the President, at the earliest possible date, to encourage other member countries of NATO to start negotiations for the accession to NATO, along with Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary, of Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

Already Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia have been successful in their attempt to meet the general requirements in order to be considered for NATO membership. And thus I am submitting legislation that will encourage and expedite the granting of membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to these countries.

REPORT FROM INDIANA—TRIBUTE TO THOMAS JACKSON AND NATIONAL POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK

HON. DAVID M. McINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. McINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my report from Indiana.

Each weekend, my wife Ruthie and I travel across Indiana to meet with Hoosiers. And every time to travel to the second District of Indiana, we become more impressed with the hundreds and hundreds of individuals who are out there working day and night to make a difference taking responsibility to make our communities better places to live. I like to call these individuals Hoosier heros.

Hoosier heros because they do good things for their friends and neighbors. For my first part of this weeks report, today I recognize Thomas Jackson of Anderson, IN, as a Hoosier hero. Ruthie recently spent a day with Thomas.

Afterward she shared with me Tom's tireless efforts to help children in Madison County. You see Tom owns and operates his own restaurant—the prime time deli and more.

And between spending time with his family and the responsibilities of running his own business, but that doesn't stop Tom from helping others.

He has taken on a crucial challenge. Thomas has taken on himself, the mission, to spread the message just say no to our young people. Tom travels to schools in Madison County educating, warning and teaching children to say: No to drugs and alcohol. Thomas' mission is special and close to his heart.

Nine years ago, his own son Thomas Jr., became involved with a drug cartel in the neighboring city of Muncie. His son almost lost his own life. Thomas Jr. was in pretty bad shape but with the love of his father and family, he survived. He turned his life around.

Thomas Jr. was recently married and today lives a happy life. Thomas Jackson, Sr., decided that the best way for others to avoid the same tragedy as his own son was to take a leadership role in warning children.

He started an alcohol and drug awareness program: Youth needs prime time. That's reassuring. Today he educates children about the very real danger and possible lethal consequences of drugs and alcohol use.

One of his volunteers is a 24 year old, ex gang member, Roosevelt Rees. Roosevelt has turned his life around, and is now dedicated to making sure kids don't make the same mistake of using drugs like he did.

The effort—is crucial, especially, when study after study tells us that drug use among America's children is at an alarming all-time high. Drug usage among 14 and 15 year olds are up 200 percent since 1992. And that's frightening. So today, I want to lift up Thomas Jackson as a Hoosier hero, for taking his own version of just say no to children of Anderson, IN.

For the second part of my report I will report on National Pollution Prevention Week efforts in Indiana. The week of September 16 to 22 is being recognized across America as National Pollution Prevention Week.

I strongly believe that pollution prevention is not only the most effective means of protecting human health and the environment, but also makes excellent business sense. I believe that free market principles can actually do a better job of ensuring we have a cleaner America.

In observance of this week, I would like to commend the efforts of those in Indiana to increase the development and use of pollution prevention methods.

In particular, I would like to applaud the work of the Indiana Pollution Prevention and Safe Materials Institute. This State-funded organization provides technical assistance and educational services to a variety of Indiana's industry.

Specifically, this institute helps businesses develop pollution prevention programs to reduce waste at the source and to prevent the environmental and health hazards of manufacturing wastes.

With the assistance of this institute, numerous Indiana manufacturing facilities have adopted pollution prevention strategies that have resulted in the significant reduction of pollutants being released into the environment.

They have also saved considerable dollars. Today, I also would like to recognize the metal finishing industry—a key segment of American manufacturing and a leader in pollution prevention initiatives.

This industry is dominated by small businesses, with most employing less than 25 people. For the past decade, the metal finishing sector has worked diligently to improve its environmental performance. Today, nearly 30 percent of the total expenditures of these small companies are invested in pollution prevention and control equipment.

However, current regulations imposed on this industry are actually hindering the achievement of additional environmental gains by stymieing the development and use of innovative technology that would allow reuse of valuable metals resulting from the manufacturing process. Under these regulations, businesses presently are given a choice of expensive offsite recycling or burying valuable resources in the ground.

In fact, companies like McDowell Enterprises in Elkhart, IN, pay a 25-percent premium to save their resources through recycling. Certainly, a better option exists. We should be encouraging onsite metal recovery or the use of the innovative treatment technologies

A sound national pollution prevention program should spur voluntary initiatives. We must promote a broad range of risk management options, for reducing environmental releases of toxic chemicals and in some cases eliminating the generation of hazardous wastes altogether. This includes such methods as source reduction, reuse, recycling treatment and other waste minimization techniques.

A broad program will permit businesses, large and small, the flexibility to design pollution prevention strategies based on the level of risk to public health and the environment.

I urge Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency to provide leadership to free America's innovative spirit. We must encourage all Americans to create new technologies that will allow industries to go beyond compliance and that will lead to a better environment.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM ACT OF 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support this important piece of legislation, which is the result of much effort and hard work. As the former chairman of the National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Subcommittee, I maintain a deep concern for this issue. In 1994, I released a General Accounting Office report, which was undertaken at my request, that called for reexamination of employee housing needs within the National Park Service [NPS]. During consideration of H.R. 2941 in the Resources Committee this year, I continued to offer my input to improve it, including an amendment I offered which is now part of the bill. I want to commend my colleagues, Mr. HEFLEY and Chairman HANSEN, along with Mr. RICHARDSON for their positive efforts regarding this proposed policy.

I support efforts to ensure that the housing needs of National Park Service employees are met. In this time of downsizing and fiscal constraints, we must scrutinize all programs including our natural resources programs, to make sure scarce Federal dollars are allocated fairly. This bill provides general authority for the Park Service to make housing available for its employees, both on and off Federal lands, at costs commensurate with comparable housing in the surrounding area. Authorization is given for leasing of Federal land to private contractors to permit them to build and maintain housing for parks employees.

When the bill was considered in the Resources Committee, my amendment added several important provisions. To ensure that the needs of parks employees and our responsibilities to the American taxpayer are both met, this bill grants additional housing authority to the Park Service only where that authority is necessary and justified. The NPS will have to review and revise the existing criteria under which housing is provided to employees of the Park Service. My additions also require that the NPS submit a plan on how to meet the housing needs of parks employees. When this review is completed for specific units of the NPS, and the need is established, authorization is given to enter into housing agreements to develop, construct, rehabilitate, or manage housing on, or off public lands for rent, or lease by NPS employees.

Clearly there are many NPS units today that do not require or justify public employee or private employee housing within or outside of the parks units. Times have changed and it is appropriate for the policy to recognize reality. Transportation and development have greatly improved and the necessity of NPS housing is much reduced. The problems associated with managing a National Park unit in the 1990's are tremendous, and park housing policy too often flows to business as usual, imposing more management headaches that are not justified by the circumstance. The National Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management with vast land, nearly 600 million acres, have far less, not even 20 percent of the employee housing, that exists in the 90 million acres of NPS lands. This speaks for itself even as we recognize the different missions and responsibilities. It is time the NPS reevaluate and refocus its housing policy. This measure is one such opportunity—a tough but necessary task.

With these provisions, this bill has been improved and updated. The bill is consistent with good management practices and sound policymaking. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

TRIBUTE TO JIM ARMSTRONG

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute one of America's beloved former teachers and former mayors, James Armstrong of Torrance, CA.

I call Mr. ''Mr. Mayor.'' I doubt anyone in Torrance would dispute that appellation. During his 6 years (1972–78) on the Torrance City Council and eight more as Mayor (1978–86), Jim oversaw Torrance's renaissance into a beautifical and modern city.

Jim Armstrong is also an educator. He taught American Government at Torrance High from 1958 to 1986. Earlier in his career, he taught at Torrance Elementary School, where he was an inspiration to many generations of young people. Because of his influence, many of them have entered careers in which they too serve the community.

Through the years and in retirement, Jim has remained active by serving in leadership roles with many non-profit community organizations including the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, the Torrance Education Foundation, the Torrance YWCA Advisory Board, the Foundation of California State University Dominquez Hills and the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. In 1981, the city's municipal theater was named the James Armstrong Theater.

On September 21, the Torrance YWCA will be honoring Jim Armstrong as Man of the Year. I join with the YWCA and all the people of the South Bay by giving special recognition to our special friend.

CELEBRATION OF TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to note that the Republic of China [ROC] is preparing to celebrate its 85th anniversary. Taiwan's National Day, October 10, is an important celebration for the people of Taiwan and for freedom loving people throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, the ROC is the United States' sixth largest trading partner and one of our strongest allies in the Pacific rim. The ROC continues to purchase American goods and services at a healthy and growing rate. Hundreds of American corporations have offices in Taiwan, which has proven to be an excellent market for the United States in this rapidly growing region of the world.

Mr. Speaker, I was privileged to travel to Taiwan 10 years ago. At that time, I saw a government transitioning democracy. Now, 10 years later, that transition has been completed with the popular election earlier this year of President Lee Teng Hui. I am certain that if I am able to return to Taiwan in the near future, I will see not only massive economic development throughout the island, but also a vibrant democracy at work.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan is our friend and supporter. I know my colleagues join me in congratulating President Lee and all 21 million people on Taiwan on the occasion of the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China.

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF SHOULD DECIDE

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago the House considered and passed H.R. 3308, the U.S. Armed Forces Protection Act, a misnomer, which I strongly opposed. I

voted against this measure as a matter of upholding the intent of the U.S. Constitution.

The Constitution established Congress and the Presidency with equal powers in the area of military affairs. Congress is responsible for raising and maintaining forces and legislating policy. The President, as Commander in Chief, is responsible for setting up the chain of command within our forces and executing congressional policy.

As a Member of the House of Representatives, I am aware of Congress' need to protect its powers. However, I believe it is also my duty to acknowledge the President's role under the Constitution as Commander in Chief.

This measure, which originated in the flawed Contract With America, is a partisan attempt by the Republican majority to selectively use congressional prerogatives. American Presidents have directed U.S. forces to serve in allied forces since the Revolutionary War. Examples include World War I, World War II, NATO operations, and Operation Desert Storm.

Under H.R. 3308, in 1990 President Bush would have been prevented from sending U.S. troops to the Middle East to contain Saddam Hussein. H.R. 3308 specifically limits the powers of the Commander in Chief to direct U.S. forces and, therefore, it is unconstitutional. I believe the American President, regardless of political party affiliation, should decide when, where, and how to deploy U.S. military forces.

Secretary of Defense Perry and Attorney General Reno have stated that H.R. 3308 is unconstitutional. In a letter to House Minority Leader GEPHARDT, Secretary Perry wrote, ''I believe that H.R. 3308 is both operationally unjustified and unconstitutional.''

In terms of operations, H.R. 3308 is a misnomer because, if enacted as law, it will in fact endanger the lives of American military men and women by preventing our forces from wearing protective United Nations identification insignia.

The UN insignia in question are blue helments and blue shoulder patches designed to enable American forces, as well as others, to recognize friendly forces. Insignia are a proven method of protecting our soldiers' lives. They are worn to ensure the safety of our men and women. They help prevent friendly fire and make it possible to impose a recognized force on enemies.

Furthermore, the United Nation has established rules for protecting its forces by punishing those enemies who are against UN forces. These punishments can only be used to protect Americans who are fired upon while wearing UN insignia.

On this important issue of wearing insignia, all American military men and women must follow the commands of our Commander in Chief. Discipline is key to maintaining order in our services and, ultimately, to protecting our national security.

Only one American soldier has been court-martialed over the issue of wearing UN insignia. Thousands of American men and women have obeyed their President and served in multinational commands wearing U.S. uniforms and Allied forces insignia. These American military personnel have always retained their ultimate allegiance to the United States of America, while wearing UN or NATO insignia.

Americans serving in multinational commands have always followed the directions of the American President, from Allied operations in World War II, to the United Nations Command established for the Korean war, the Desert Storm Coalition in the Persian Gulf war, and multiple NATO operations, including the present NATO Implementation Force [IFOR] in Bosnia.

During these operations, command of our military men and women has ultimately resided with the President as our Commander in Chief and our military leaders in the Department of Defense.

Finally, Presidential Decision Directive 25, a classified directive issued early in the Clinton administration, established steps to allay concern over U.S. troops under UN control. A declassified summary of this directive states:

> The President retains and will never relinquish command authority over U.S. forces. On a case by case basis, the President will consider placing appropriate U.S. forces under the operational control of a competent UN commander for specific UN operations authorized by the Security Council [the UN security agency over whose decisions the U.S. has veto power]. The greater the U.S. military role, the less likely it will be that the U.S. will agree to have a UN commander exercise overall operational control over U.S. forces. Any large scale mission that is likely to involve combat should ordinarily be conducted under U.S. command and operational control or through competent regional organizations such as NATO or ad hoc coalitions.
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> There is nothing new about this Administration's policy regarding the command and control of U.S. forces. U.S. military personnel have participated in UN peace operations since 1948.

For all of these reasons, I strongly believe H.R. 3308 should not become law. Since the House has already passed this bill, I urge my colleagues in the Senate to oppose this measure. And, if this irresponsible legislation does pass the Senate, I support President Clinton's pledge to veto it.

HONORING MR. HOLCOMB ''HOKE'' EVETTS 1996 KINGS COUNTY AGRICULTURIST OF THE YEAR

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. DOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise before my colleagues today to recognize a legendary figure in Kings County's agricultural community, Mr. Holcomb ''Hoke'' Evetts. Because of his impressive accomplishments, which span the decades, Mr. Evetts is being honored by his community as Agriculturist of the Year.

Mr. Evetts is most widely recognized for his involvement with what many consider to be the finest stockyard in the State of California. Mr. Evetts and his business partner purchased the modest Overland Stockyards nearly 40 years ago, and built it into one of the largest and most reputable agricultural establishments in Kings County. Mr. Evetts has served as a well-respected auctioneer for 55 years, and has even taken his talent to the world of motion pictures.

Over 50 years ago, Mr. Evetts joined the Rodeo Cowboys of America, now known as the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association. As a proud and caring husband, father and grandfather, Mr. Evetts has shared his love of the rodeo with his family members, some of whom have competed in rodeo events with his same enthusiasm.

As a leader in the effort to improve his community, Mr. Evetts has garnered wide respect. Mr. Evetts embodies what everyone seeks in a leader—a true individual who utilizes his talents in order to serve others. As an auctioneer, Mr. Evetts helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for dozens of needy organizations.

There is no question that for Mr. Evetts, commitment to community and to agriculture is a way of life. He is a dedicated Valley resident who has played a major role in the development of Kings County agriculture. I applaud the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce and the Kings County Farm Bureau for recognizing his contributions.

TRIBUTE TO ALFREDO PEREZ

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the utmost pleasure and pride that I rise today to recognize Mr. Alfredo Perez for his inspiration as a hard working American, dedicated teacher and valiant victim of crime.

Alfredo Perez was born in a small town in Jalisco, Mexico on November 23, 1965. When he was a boy of 8, he, his mother Maria Guadalupe Contreras de Perez and his seven siblings, Carlos, Francisco, Bertha, Hector, Guillermo, Jesus and Abelam emigrated to Oxnard, CA, to rejoin his father, Jose Perez. He attended El Rio Elementary School, then went on to Rio Del Valle Junior High. Alfredo received his high school diploma from Rio Mesa High School.

In the Fall of 1985 Alfredo entered the University of California Los Angeles [UCLA]. In order to pay for his schooling, he worked several part-time jobs. Alfredo graduated from UCLA in 1989 with a major in Sociology and a specialization in Business Administration.

Shortly after graduating from UCLA, Alfredo decided to enter the teaching profession. The importance of educating future generations was a challenge he took on with great devotion, commitment and love for children. He wanted to be a role model for children in the inner city. His main goal was to instill in them the desire to educate themselves and to make a difference in this world.

On the morning of February 22, 1996, Alfredo Perez was where he wanted to be—with his students. His 5th grade students were in the library at Figueroa Street Elementary School in Los Angeles. Gunfire from a gang-related incident disrupted the quiet building, and a stray bullet struck and entered Alfredo's brain. Despite suffering this potentially fatal would, Alfredo's primary concern remained the safety of his school children. Paramedics found him waving the children to seek safe haven.

This incident has had a tremendous impact on our city for the simple fact that Alfredo is a gifted young individual who dedicated himself to helping the most vulnerable and precious members of our society: children. The obligation to work with the children of the inner

city is all too often lost among other, often selfish, priorities. Continuing his studies to become a school principal, Alfredo considered his work with children in the inner city his calling.

While at UCLA, Alfredo met, fell in love with, and married Virginia Navar. Ms. Navar also studied to become a teacher and is presently on leave from the Los Angeles Unified School District assisting Alfredo with his recovery. Virginia, his supportive family and numerous well-wishers have been the constant hope in Alfredo's recuperation.

Mr. Speaker, on September 22, 1996, several alumni associations from some of California's most prestigious universities have joined forces and will host a special reception to pay tribute to Alfredo Perez for the mobilizing efforts he has inspired and for the dedication he has given to the children of Los Angeles. It is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this exceptional individual for his outstanding service to the children of Los Angeles.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, as America observes National POW/MIA Recognition Day, 1996 it is fitting that we recall the sacrifices made by the brave men and women taken prisoner and who have returned home, as well as those who are listed as missing in action and presumed dead.

Words cannot aptly describe our feeling of gratitude for the dedicated service these courageous Americans have provided for our Nation. However much of our actions pale in comparison to our pride we must always make an effort to remember these heroes.

Just as we commemorate those who fought so selflessly for our country on Veterans Day and pay tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of their country during Memorial Day, so too should we remember America's POW/MIA's. We as a nation must not forget the sacrifices endured by our former prisoners of war and our missing in action.

I call on my colleagues in the House and the Senate, as well as all Americans to honor the service of our former POW's and pray for those Americans still unaccounted for.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID HERMELIN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 24, David Hermelin will receive from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit an award of unusual distinction, the Fred M. Butzel Award for Distinguished Community Service.

David Hermelin is synonymous with community. Community in its fullest and broadest sense. Like few others, his efforts have been as extensive as they have been intensive.

He has been a pillar within the Jewish Community of Metropolitan Detroit. He is President of World ORT Union, a member of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Federation, Vice Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and a Director-at-Large of the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism. He has been a linchpin in a variety of efforts critical to the security and well-being of the State of Israel and to amicable relations between the United States and Israel.

His efforts has touched almost every other aspect of community life in and about Michigan. He has been deeply involved in the health needs of our State, as evidenced by his active work with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Children's Hospital, among others.

He has been instrumental in the flourishing of the arts, highlighted by his key role with the Detroit Symphony and Orchestra Hall, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the new Opera House of the Michigan Opera.

David Hermelin has also been active in the business world. His endeavors have spanned his highly successful insurance business to his role in the development of Palace of Auburn Hills.

While I have been lucky to know David Hermelin personally for many years, I do not know his middle name. Perhaps it is Peripatetic. David Hermelin has set an example for all to emulate, though few, if any, could quite do so.

Amidst all of this whirlwind of activity, David Hermelin has always found time for his beloved family. He and his wife Doreen have never lost sight of a central tenet of their heritage—the family comes first. I join the very large extended family of David Hermelin's friends and admirers in extending heartiest congratulations on his receipt of the Butzel Award.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 1996

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the Appropriations Committee for the yeoman's job of meeting the numerous funding requests in this tough fiscal environment.

Many of us take for granted and do not recognize the arduous task the committee faces each time they are asked to balance fiscal responsibility with economic development.

I would also like to thank the chairman and the members of the Committee for having the vision to provide the funding for the Alameda Corridor, to support the $400 million in direct loans as requested by the President through the Federal Highway Administration.

While I am disappointed that unfortunate, unforseen circumstances caused the Alameda Corridor Project to be removed from this funding bill, I stand assured that this important infrastructure project will be a part of another funding bill later this year.

The Alameda Corridor will provide this country with a fast and efficient gateway to Pacific Rim trade and will bolster our ability to compete in the burgeoning economic area.

Once completed the Alameda Corridor will generate more than 70,000 local jobs and close to 200,000 new jobs nationwide. The expanded trade, created by the construction of the Corridor, through the ports, will create new jobs related to manufacturing, production, and the shipping and trucking of goods.

Today's funding environment requires a strong public-private partnership to finance projects of this nature. With over 75 percent of the cost of the project funded by State and local sources, the Alameda Corridor truly exemplifies the kind of public-private partnership that this Congress has long urged States and localities to pursue for important infrastructure projects.

I would like to thank the members of the California delegation for working together in a bipartisan manner to effectively move the project through this body and to bring to fruition plans and blueprints that were conceived long before many of us were sworn into office.

Let history reflect that the success of the Alameda Corridor is rooted in the bipartisanship that has helped to bring us to this point. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues from both parties and with President Clinton to see the Alameda Corridor through to its completion.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House voted to override the President's veto of H.R. 1833, Partial Birth Abortion Ban.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10899–S11059

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2092–2096. **Page S11033**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 389, for the relief of Nguyen Quy An and his daughter, Nguyen Ngoc Kim Quy. **Page S11033**

Measures Passed:

Sustainable Fisheries Act: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 295), Senate passed S. 39, to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize appropriations, and to provide for sustainable fisheries, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Hutchison Modified Amendment No. 5383, to make certain modifications to provisions with regard to fishery management. **Pages S10907–09**

Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Infrastructure Development Trust Fund: Senate passed H.R. 2512, to provide certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, clearing the bill for the President. **Pages S11049–50**

Goshute Indian Reservation Lands: Senate passed H.R. 2464, to amend Public Law 103–93 to provide additional lands within the State of Utah for the Goshute Indian Reservation, clearing the bill for the President. **Pages S11050–51**

Indian Health Care: Senate passed H.R. 3378, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to extend the demonstration program for direct billing of Medicare, and Medicaid, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11051–53**

Stevens (for McCain) Amendment No. 5392, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11051–53**

Prairie Island Indian Community: Senate passed H.R. 3068, to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11053–54**

Witness Retaliation/Tampering: Senate passed H.R. 3120, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering, clearing the bill for the President. **Page S11054**

Crawford National Fish Hatchery Conveyance: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3287, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Crawford National Fish Hatchery to the city of Crawford, Nebraska, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11054**

Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery Conveyance: Senate passed H.R. 2982, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama, clearing the bill for the President. **Page S11054**

Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act: Senate began consideration of S. 1505, to reduce risk to public safety and the environment associated with pipeline transportation of natural gas and hazardous liquids, agreeing to a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S10936–42, S10947–50

Maritime Security Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1350, to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10950–53, S10955–65, S10969, S10972–78**

Pending:

Grassley Amendment No. 5391, to provide for a uniform system of incentive pay for certain hazardous duties performed by merchant seamen.

Pages S10977–78

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the further consideration of the bill, with a vote on a motion to table the proposed amendment, to occur at 10 a.m., on Friday, September 30, 1996. **Page S11054**

Veto Message on Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of a veto message on H.R. 1833, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions. **Page S10955**

FAA Authorization—Conferees: The Chair was authorized to appoint conferees to H.R. 3539, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, as follows: Senators Pressler, Stevens, McCain, Hollings, and Ford. **Page S11054**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–170). **Pages S11030–31**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

8 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

52 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

36 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S11047–49**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Joseph Lane Kirkland, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 1997.

Joseph Lane Kirkland, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2001.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service. **Pages S11056–59**

Messages From the President: **Pages S11030–31**

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Text of H.R. 3159 as Previously Passed: **Pages S11028–30**

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: **Pages S10984–S11027**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—295) **Page S10913**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 20, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S11054–55.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Drinking Water, Fisheries and Wildlife concluded hearings on S. 1660, to authorize funds for and expand the programs of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, focusing on efforts to reduce the threat posed by nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species originating from ballast water discharge, after receiving testimony from Senator Glenn; Rowan W. Gould, Deputy Assistant Director of the Interior for Fisheries; Commander Richard M. Gaudiosi, Chief, Plans and Preparedness Division, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Office of Response, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; James T. Carlton, Maritime Studies Program/Williams College and Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut; Ann P. Swanson, Chesapeake Bay Commission, Annapolis, Maryland; Stephen Hall, Association of California Water Agencies, Sacramento; and Joseph J. Cox, United States Chamber of Shipping, Washington, D.C.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the promotion of economic freedom through development aid, receiving testimony from

Nicholas N. Eberstadt, American Enterprise Institute, Bryan T. Johnson, Heritage Foundation, Richard E. Messick, Freedom House, and David F. Gordon, Overseas Development Council, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current situation in Iraq, focusing on the recent U.S. cruise missile strikes on Iraq, after receiving testimony from Kathryn C. Porter, Human Rights Alliance, Fairfax, Virginia; and Rend Rahim Francke, Iraq Foundation, Paul Wolfowitz, Johns Hopkins University, and Michael Eisenstadt, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Alan H. Flanigan, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, office of National Drug Control Policy; and

S. 389, for the relief of Nguyen Quy An and his daughter, Nguyen Ngoc Kim Quy.

JUDICIAL TAXATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings on S. 1817, to limit the authority of Federal courts to fashion remedies that require local jurisdictions to assess, levy, or collect taxes, after receiving testimony from Senator Thurmond; Representative Manzullo; Mary M. Cheh, George Washington University Law School, and Roger Pilon, Center for Constitutional Studies/Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Alfred A. Lindseth, Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan, Atlanta, Georgia; and William R. Neblock, Rockford, Illinois.

HERBICIDE EXPOSURE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the implementation of the Agent Orange Act (P.L. 102–4), focusing on the medical and scientific bases for compensating Vietnam veterans and their children with diseases which may have been caused by exposure to herbicides, including Agent Orange, after receiving testimony from Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; William H. Farland, Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency; Joel E. Michalek, Principal Investigator of the Air Force Health Study/Armstrong Laboratory/Human Systems Center/Brooks Air Force Base, Texas; Daniel Wartenberg, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute/UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Piscataway, New Jersey; David Tollerud, Allegheny University School of the Health Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, representing the Committee to Review the Health Effects in Vietnam Veterans of Exposure to Herbicides; Ellen K. Silbergeld, University of Maryland Medical School, Baltimore; Michael Gough, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Raoul Frevel, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Atlanta, Georgia.

IRAQ

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held hearings to examine the situation in Iraq, focusing on security issues with regard to the Middle East, receiving testimony from John M. Deutch, Director of Central Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4114, 4115, 4117–4126; 2 private bills, H.R. 4116, 4127; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 524, 526, 527 were introduced. **Pages H10720–21**

Reports filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3828, to amend the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (H. Rept. 104–808); and

H. Res. 525, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 104–809). **Page H10720**

Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 339 yeas to 58 nays with one voting ''present'', Roll No. 420, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, September 18.

Pages H10603, H10608

Dispute Resolution Conference: The House disagreed with the Senate amendments to H.R. 2977, to reauthorize alternative means of dispute resolution in the Federal administrative process, and agreed to

a conference. Appointed as conferees Hyde, Gekas, Flanagan, Conyers, and Reed. **Page H10607**

Partial Birth Abortion Ban: By a yea-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 137 nays, Roll No. 422, the House voted to override the President's veto of H.R. 1833, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions—clearing the measure for Senate action. **Pages H10621–42**

Earlier, by a yea-and-nay vote of 288 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 421, agreed to the Canady motion to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from the further consideration of the President's veto message and the bill. **Pages H10608–20**

Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 524, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order.

Pages H10642–43

Subsequently, agreed to the Armey motion to table the resolution (agreed to by a recorded vote of 395 ayes to 9 noes with 10 voting ''present'', Roll No. 423). **Pages H10642–43**

Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 526, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order.

Pages H10643–44

Subsequently, agreed to the Armey motion to table the resolution (agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 179 noes with 10 voting ''present'', Roll No. 424). **Pages H10643–44**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of September 23. Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, September 20, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, September 23. **Page H10645**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 24, for morning hour debates.

Pages H10644–45

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of September 25.

Page H10645

Presidential Message—National Emergency re Angola: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–266). **Pages H10645–46**

Referral: One Senate-passed bill, S. 982, to protect the national information infrastructure, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H10672**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H10603.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10608, H10620, H10641–42, H10642–43, and H10643–44. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the Conservation Reserve Program, regulations, and the implementation of the Conservation Title of the Federal Agriculture Improvement Reform Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary, USDA.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 2508, Animal Drug Availability Act of 1995; and H.R. 1791, Medicaid Certification Act of 1995.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the following: H.R. 3142, Uniformed Services Medicare Subvention Demonstration Project Act; and the Military Beneficiaries Medicare Reimbursement Model Project Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Stephen C. Joseph, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense; and Kathleen A. Buto, Associate Administrator, Policy, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

PHARMACEUTICAL PRICING PRACTICES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Perspectives on Pharmaceutical Pricing Practices. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Sally Jaggar, Director, Health Services, Quality and Public Health Issues, Health Education and Human Services Division; John C. Hanson, Assistant Director, Health Financing and Public Health; and George Silberman, Assistant Director; and public witnesses.

FEDERALLY FUNDED YOUTH PROGRAMS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on Federally Funded Youth Programs and Local Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Representatives Watts of Oklahoma and Payne of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

IRS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held a hearing on Internal Revenue Service Financial Management: Has There Been Any Improvement? Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Steven O. App, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; and Anthony Musick, Chief Financial Officer, IRS.

PERSIAN GULF WAR SYNDROME

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Resources continued hearings on ''The Status of Efforts to Identify Persian Gulf War Syndrome, Part IV''. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Copeland, Chief, PGW Veterans Illnesses Task Force, CIA; Frances Murphy, M.D., Director, Environmental Agents Services, Department of Veterans Affairs; Stephanie Padilla, Neurotoxicology Division, EPA; and public witnesses.

HEROIN: THE RE-EMERGING THREAT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Heroin: The Re-Emerging Threat. Testimony was heard from Gen. Barry E. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Oredered reported the following bills: S. 1970, to amend the National Museum of the American Indian Act to make improvements in the Act; H.R. 4011, amended, Congressional Pension Forfeiture Act of 1996; and H.R. 3700, amended, Internet Election Information Act of 1996.

The Committee also considered other pending Committee business.

BOSNIAN ELECTIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Bosnian Elections: A Postmortem. Testimony was heard from John Kornblum, Assistant Secretary, European and Canadian Affairs, Department of State; and a public witness.

U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS: NEXT STEPS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a joint hearing on U.S.-China Relations: Next Steps. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INDEPENDENT COUNSEL ACCOUNTABILITY AND REFORM ACT OF 1996

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action H.R. 3239, Independent Counsel Accountability and Reform Act of 1996.

RICKY RAY HEMOPHILIA RELIEF FUND ACT OF 1995

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 1023, Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Senator DeWine; Representative Goss, Philip R. Lee, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Eva M. Plaza, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NUCLEAR WEAPONS ACTIVITIES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held an oversight hearing on Department of Energy nuclear weapons activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Charles B. Curtis, Deputy Secretary; and Victor Reis, Assistant Secretary, Defense Programs; and Maj. Gen. Al Joersz, USA, Assistant Secretary, Military Applications, Department of Defense.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans concluded oversight hearings on the National Wildlife Refuge System, examining in some detail the operation and maintenance of the 510 units that comprise the System. Testimony was heard from Representative Brewster; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HYDROPOWER MARKETING

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on accounting practices for Federal hydropower marketing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: J.M. Shafer, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration; Michael A. Deihl, Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration; and Charles A. Borchardt, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration; and the following officials of the Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO: Linda

Calbom, Director; Greg Kutz, Assistant Director; and Thomas H. Armstrong, Assistant General Counsel.

EXPEDITED PROCEDURES

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported, by voice vote, a resolution waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. The resolution also makes it in order to consider motions to suspend the rules on any day during the remainder of the 2nd Session of the 104th Congress provided that at least one hour's advance notice is given on the floor and the Speaker or his designee consults with the Minority Leader or his designee.

AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Technological Solutions to Improve Aviation Security. Testimony was heard from Brian Michael Jenkins, Deputy Chairman, President's Commission on Aviation Safety and Security; David R. Hinson, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; Keith O. Fultz, Assistant Comptroller General, GAO; James Chapek, Sandia National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION: HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on ISTEA reauthorization: The Highway Safety Programs—the Section 402, 403, and 410 Programs and other Traffic Safety Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Elizabeth Baker, Chief, Traffic Safety Division, State Highway Administration and Highway Safety Coordinator, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

Hearing continues September 26.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources concluded hearings on implementation of the recently-enacted welfare reform law. Testimony was heard from David Gray Ross, Deputy Director, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Department of Health and Human Services; Leslie L. Frye, Chief, Office of Child Support, Department of Social Services, State of California; Marilyn Ray Smith, Associate Deputy Commissioner and Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement Division, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

ACCESSION OF CHINA AND TAIWAN TO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Accession of China and Taiwan to the World Trade Organization. Testimony was heard from Representative Solomon, Spratt, Cox of California, Brownback and Latham; Charlene Barshefsky, Acting U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

DIVERSITY/HUMAN RESOURCES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Diversity/Human Resources. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the CIA: John M. Deutch, Director; and Nora Slatkin, Executive Director; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Joan A. Dempsey, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Intelligence and Security; Jeremy C. Clark, Deputy Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; and Lt. Gen. Kenneth A. Minihan, Director, NSA; and Robert Bryant, Assistant Director, FBI, Department of Justice.

Joint Meetings

AUTHORIZATION—COAST GUARD

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 1004, authorizing funds for the United States Coast Guard, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1996

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Drug Free Workplace: White House Standards, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, September 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1350, Maritime Security Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, September 20

House Chamber

Program for Friday: No Legislative Business.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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